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Europe has warned the United States that it opposes the favourite candidate for the post of World Bank president. Critics of Mr William W. Miller, the US Ambassador to the EEC, say he lacks the international stature needed for the job. Page 15

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Building societies reported an unexpected rush of deposits in the last week of 1985, when cash is more usually withdrawn for Christmas shopping, setting a record for the month. Page 3

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Europe 'big guns' join forces to win Westland fight

● The European consortium mounted a campaign to beat the Sikorsky-Fiat hold on the ailing Westland helicopter company
● Government response was jubilant. "The heavy guns are being moved up to the front," said one source

● Friends of Mr Michael Heseltine dismissed speculation that he was heading for a showdown with the Prime Minister
● Mr David Horne, who is co-ordinating the European bid, said he was "astonished" that the Westland board had refused contact with the consortium

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

An all-out attempt to break the United Technologies-Fiat grip on the Westland helicopter company was launched by the Anglo-European consortium last night.

With senior representatives of Agusta, Aerospiale, and Messerschmitt-Blohm due in London by this morning, Sir John Cuckney, chairman of Westland, was told that Lord Weinstock and Mr James Prior, of GEC, and Sir Raymond Lygo, of British Aerospace, wanted a meeting to talk terms for their bid for a stake in the ailing company.

Senior government sources were jubilant that the counter-offensive had been launched. One source said gleefully: "British industry is mobilizing. The heavy guns are being moved up to the front."

It was alleged last night that Sir John was so strong in his support of the United Technologies-Fiat offer that he had not even spoken to Mr David Horne, the Lloyd Merchant Bank managing director who has been coordinating the Anglo-European bid.

The consortium wants to impress upon Sir John the seriousness of its offer, the possibility of an improvement in terms, and the necessity for shareholders to be given a fair and reasonable opportunity to compare the two bids.

But a senior source associated

with the Anglo-European offer last night underlined their determination to win when he said that once Sikorsky, the United Technologies subsidiary, it would take more and more technological work away from Britain. "It would be the slippery slope," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, was maintaining a low profile at his Oxfordshire home, but his friends dismissed

speculation that he was heading for a showdown with the Prime Minister.

Whitehall sources said that it was "naïve" of some Sunday newspapers to think that the Westland saga would not be discussed at next Thursday's cabinet.

One source said that Mrs Margaret Thatcher was certain to have it put on the agenda. With Parliament returning on Monday, ministers would need to be briefed on one of the trickiest political, strategic and industrial issues for many years.

The message from Mr Heseltine will be that the Westland shareholders now have a viable choice to make, but that it remains in the British national interest that they go for the

Anglo-European offer because European collaboration is central to the only coherent strategy for efficient defence output, backed by a technological base which could compete with the Americans.

Mr Keith Hampson, secretary of the Conservative backbench defence committee, said last night that acceptance of the Sikorsky-Fiat bid would jeopardize other European collaborative projects.

"Going American at Westland," he said, "would open Pandora's box over the whole question of British collaboration in Europe."

It was said last night that Mr Heseltine's position in the Ministry of Defence had never been stronger. Two senior sources said that if he had not had the backing of his service and Civil Service colleagues, they would have "sunk him by leaps" before now.

The ministry is now hoping that the Anglo-European consortium will persuade Westland to give it a fair crack of the whip with the shareholders - even if that means delaying the shareholders' meeting scheduled for January 14.

The representatives of the other consortium partners, due to arrive in London by today, were last night named as Signor Arnoldo Antichi of Augusta; M. Pierre David and M. Henri

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Gadafi denies aid for Abu Nidal

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Colonel Gadafi, the Libyan leader, said yesterday that he had met Abu Nidal, the Palestinian terrorist leader, within the past year. But he was not in Libya now, nor were there any guerrilla training camps in Libya.

In a desert interview with a group of American television reporters was broadcast as the US appeared to be vacillating on whether and how military action might be launched against Libya.

Senators and senior Administration officials are now suggesting that no suitable target has yet been identified in Libya, and that last week's publicized military preparations and sabre-rattling have already had the effect of intimidating Colonel Gadafi.

Speaking English, Colonel Gadafi said that he had met Abu Nidal, with other Palestinian leaders, both in Libya and elsewhere. He came on visits to Libya, but did not live there. "I don't know where he lives," he said.

Libya and the whole world supported the Palestinians, he claimed. They did not have training camps in Libya, "but if they demand this, I will give them, because they are freedom fighters."

Asked whether the airport attacks were legitimate, he said they would not be "legal" for as a head of state, but might be for the Palestinian leaders, whose duty and strategy was to "liberate Palestine by all means."

He called on the United

States to be neutral in the Arab-Israeli dispute, and again gave a warning that Libyan suicide squads were ready to strike inside the US.

Libya was on full military alert, he said, and the Soviet Sam-5 missiles were now operational. "We have been trained by our friends the Soviets, and we can use them now." But he claimed that Americans working in Libya were safe, and said that a US envoy had been in recent contact to defuse the situation.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, also interviewed on American television

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yesterday, said Israel knew that Abu Nidal was in Libya.

He called on European nations to take economic and political sanctions against Libya, warning them that the alternative would be to pay heavily in future. Europe was learning the hard way that something had to be done. "Undoubtedly today Libya is the most evil country when it comes to terrorism."

Mr Peres praised the firm stand of President Reagan and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and said that Israel was upset that the US was apparently leaving military action to Israel.

He hinted, however, that any Israeli strike would be against terrorists inside Libya rather than against Libya itself.

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Colonel Gadafi (left) and Mr Peres: direct conflict over Abu Nidal and his role.

Radioactive leak kills man in US

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

An investigation started yesterday into the leak at a nuclear plant in Oklahoma. A man was killed and a cloud of radioactive vapour emitted. More than 100 people were treated and 34 kept in hospital.

The plant, near Gore in eastern Oklahoma, was shut down and evacuated. A main road was closed for two hours as a precaution.

The gas cloud, described as "a dense fog" rolled over the sparsely populated area near the plant and was rapidly dispersed by a 30 mph wind. Officials said there was no danger to public health. But one official said that "if a person was in the plume of gas there is the possibility of a dose of uranium."

Men at the Kerr-McGee Corporation plant, which processes uranium, were working on a 14-ton cylinder of uranium hexafluoride when it ruptured. Apparently a welded joint collapsed.

The leaking chemical combined with air to form hydrofluoric acid. Mr James Harrison, aged 25 suffered lung damage when he inhaled the fumes and died in hospital four hours later.

Eight other men were treated in hospital for exposure to the acid. One was allowed home later. A doctor said the worst injured had lung damage.

A team from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission began the inquiry. A spokesman said that exposure to hydrofluoric acid was "more a chemical than a radiation problem, but you still don't want to get in the body."

Kerr-McGee's director of nuclear licensing said an initial survey showed that radioactivity levels in the area were normal.

● GORE: The incident was believed the most serious in the US nuclear energy industry since the 1979 accident at the Three Mile Island plant near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (Reuter reports).

Expatriate Isherwood dies of cancer

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

The noted author and novelist Christopher Isherwood, an expatriate Englishman who lived more than half his life in the United States, died Saturday morning in his Santa Monica home after a long battle with cancer.

Isherwood, who was born in Highgate, Cheshire, in August, 1904, and moved to California from Germany in 1939, became a US citizen in 1946.

He was best known for his autobiographical Berlin stories written in the late 1930s, which were the basis for the play and the film *I Am A Camera*,

starring Laurence Harvey and Julie Harris. It was adapted in 1975 as the musical *Cabaret* which won several Oscars and starred Joel Gray, Liza Minnelli and Michael York as the young Englishman observing life in the corrupt pre-war Germany.

"I am a camera with my shutter open, quite passive,"

recording, not thinking," wrote Isherwood when he penned his Berlin stories.

The writer lived in Santa Monica with his long-term companion Mr Don Bachardy, the well-known portrait paint-

er. They had shared their home for almost 33 years.

"I brought Christopher home from the hospital in mid-November," Mr Bachardy said yesterday. "He was very ill and there was little hope. He hadn't felt up to working for a long time."

At Isherwood's specific request, Mr Bachardy said, there would be no funeral services. His body has been donated to the University of California at Los Angeles medical centre.

Isherwood attended Cambridge University and King's College, London. He collaborated with W. H. Auden on three verse plays and a travel

book about China. He found himself comfortably at home in Hollywood writing novels and screenplays. His wave-style did not suffer and was described as "a clear mirror... a lamp of stream."

In recent years his principal concerns were Hindu philosophy, pacifism and a search for the meaning of life.

He never married and was one of the first international figures to publicly admit his homosexuality before it became fashionable.

In 1972 he published an affectionate biography of his parents, Kathleen and Frank Isherwood.



Mr Adam Wragg being carried on a stretcher in Glencoe yesterday by his rescuers.

Two climbers die in snow avalanche on Glencoe

By Ronald Faux

Two climbers died and a third was injured by a snow avalanche which swept them 900 ft down a mountainside in the Scottish highlands. Two other climbers in the same party were airlifted to safety by helicopter from a rock chimney in which they had been stranded overnight.

Mr Alan Wragg, aged 55, a vintage restorer, of Biddisworth, Nottinghamshire, and Mr Paul Draycott, aged 45, an architect, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, died when they were swept down a gully on Stob Coire Nan Beit (3,621 ft) in Glencoe, on Saturday evening.

Mr Adam Wragg, aged 18, a waiter, who was roped to his father and a friend on the Northwest Gully route, survived with a fractured leg and pelvis. He crawled 400 ft down the mountain to the climbing party's camp where he hoped to find his brother, James, aged 20, and Mr Steven Berridge, aged 32, of Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire.

But they were trapped by darkness on another climb, unaware of the disaster. It was not until yesterday morning that two hill-walkers passing the camp heard Mr Adam Wragg's cries for help and raised the alarm. A Sea-King helicopter from RAF Lossiemouth flew to the high Corrie beneath the summit of the mountain and lifted Mr James Wragg and his climbing partner to safety.

The accident happened on

Saturday in bad weather with snow-laden winds gusting to 80mph on the mountain summit. The five climbers had camped overnight in the high corrie below the cliffs before setting out in two parties to climb Northwest Gully and Deep Cut Chimney, which are both serious 1,500-ft routes.

Three were caught in the avalanche when a slab of soft snow broke free sweeping them down over boulders and ice-covered cliffs to the foot of the climb.

The rope joining the three climbers broke in the fall. Mr Wragg and Mr Draycott were buried under several feet of snow while Mr Adam Wragg crawled down to the camp in the hope of getting help from the other two climbers. But they had been overtaken by darkness and were forced to spend the night in the open on the upper sections of Deep Cut Chimney.

Mr Adam Wragg said that just before they were hit by the avalanche he heard his father say suddenly: "oh, no." Mr Wragg said: "It swept us away. I was struggling to breathe. Snow filled my mouth and was choking me. My helmet was smashed on the rocks and I seemed to fall for ages tangled

in the ropes. When I stopped I found myself near the surface and managed to get free of the snow."

Despite his injuries, he climbed back and found Mr Draycott hurried with only his legs visible. "I tried to pull him clear but it was impossible," he said.

Mr Hamish MacInnes, leader of the Glencoe Mountain Rescue team which was called out to the accident, said: "The weather was so bad that the two climbers would not be able to hear the other party and were unaware that they had been avalanched, even though at one point they were not much more than 200ft away."

Elsewhere wintry conditions, including blizzards, wrought havoc on roads, in the countryside and with sporting fixtures over the weekend.

Five members of one family were killed in Devon in a car crash on black ice, while in the Lake District a series of mountain searches were in operation for climbers and walkers, who had fallen or had become lost.

The rugby league programme was badly disrupted yesterday with 10 games postponed. At Wigan, 600 supporters ensured the match with Swinton would go ahead by bringing brushes, forks and spades to the ground to clear the pitch of snow. Football was also affected.

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Alternative rugby tour is ruled out

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogota

The four home Rugby Unions yesterday confirmed that there will be no replacement tour this year for the British Lions' trip to South Africa, which was cancelled last month.

The four countries may now arrange their own tours but their decision opens up the possibility that British players may be invited as individuals to visit South Africa as part of an unofficial visit.

● Club football returned to television at the weekend. The first live match of the season featured West Ham beating Charlton Athletic 1-0 at Selhurst Park in the third round of the FA Cup. In the other tie played yesterday, Everton, the Canon League champions, only beat Exeter, of the fourth division, 1-0.

● Boris Becker, of West Germany, won the Junior Masters tennis tournament in West Berlin. The 18-year-old Wimbledon champion defeated Mats Wilander, of Sweden, 6-1, 7-6, 6-0. Sport, pages 17 to 20

New volcano fears hit Colombia

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogota

Thousands fled their homes in central Colombia at the weekend after the Government ordered the immediate evacuation of rural populations suddenly threatened by alarming new seismic activity in the Nevado del Ruiz volcano.

The "maximum emergency" declared in the region came 32 days after the volcano's devastating eruption on November 13 in which an estimated 25,000 were killed in flash floods and mud-avalanches, snow and ice on its peak melted.

In what volcanologists described as the most intense activity in the Ruiz since the disaster, its most active crater known as Arenas started to spew out sulphurous ash and gases over a wide area at the weekend, triggering alarm among the surrounding populations.

President Betancur, who flew to the disaster zone from Bogota, immediately agreed with volcanologists, who have been watching the volcano round the clock, that threatened populations had to be evacuated immediately. There were fears that new avalanches could start flooding in local rivers.

The evacuation affected an estimated total population of 30,000 living in villages on the banks of local rivers, as well as low-lying districts of the towns of Honda, Mariquita, Guayabal, Ambalema and Chinchina in the Tolima and Caldes departments.

Both the national and local governments have been criticized for failing to co-ordinate plans for evacuations in October or early November despite warning signals that an eruption was imminent. No chances were being taken this time.

Mine kills two near Botswana border

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

A new threat of cross-border retaliatory action by South Africa loomed yesterday after the deaths of two more whites in a landmine explosion. Fourteen people, 13 of them whites, have been killed in landmine and bomb attacks in South Africa in little more than five weeks. More than 70 others have been injured.

The latest victims died on Saturday afternoon when their light pick-up truck set off a mine planted in a farm road 1.8 miles from the Stockport border post on the South African-Botswana frontier about 15 miles west of the Northern Transvaal town of Ellisras.

Mrs Elize de Beer, aged 31, and her father-in-law, Mr Hinder de Beer, aged 55, were killed instantly and her husband, Deon, aged 34, and Mr Daniel Venter, aged 58, who were sitting in the back of the pick-up, were injured.

Ellisras is 150 miles south west of Messina, close to the Zimbabwe border, where six whites, four of them children, were killed in a landmine explosion three weeks ago, the seventh in the area for which the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) admitted responsibility.

South Africa has been accused in the United Nations Security Council of carrying out an armed raid into independent Lesotho last month in which nine people, seven of them ANC refugees, were shot dead, three days before a bomb exploded in a crowded shopping centre at Amamzitlot near the coastal city of Durban killing five people and injuring more than 60.

Since last Wednesday South Africa has severely tightened controls on its borders with Lesotho.

The ultra-right-wing Conservative Party yesterday accused the Government of no longer being capable of securing the safety of people and called for "immediate military and other steps to wipe out terrorist bases in our neighbouring states."

● Police reported yesterday that a youth was shot dead and three others injured during a petrol bomb attack on a policeman's home in a black township near of Eastern Transvaal town of Belfast. The bodies of two black women victims of the "necklace" - a petrol-filled tyre hung around the neck - were found near Stutterheim in the Eastern Cape Province and the burned body of another black man was found in Guguletu township outside Cape Town.

● In Soweto, outside Johannesburg, more than 50 children were reported to have been injured on Saturday when police fired tear gas into buses taking them to a cemetery after a funeral service for four unrest victims.

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Jobless offered £20 weekly incentive to take low-paid work

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The latest phase of the Government's drive against growing long-term unemployment is launched today with the unemployed being offered a £20 "top up" to their wages if they take a job paying less than £80 a week.

The Job Start scheme is to be run in nine pilot areas for a six-month trial period, but it is known that Lord Young of Gifford, Secretary of State for Employment, is urging his officials to produce early monitoring results in the hope of winning funds for extending the scheme in the Budget.

Under a package of measures, of which Job Start is a component, those who have been out of work for more than 12 months will be called into Jobcentres in the nine areas and offered a "menu" of opportunities which includes a place on the Community Programme or a Manpower Services Commission training scheme, support to go into self-employment under the Enterprise Allowance Scheme or a place in one of the new self-help jobs.

The areas chosen for the pilot, which have a wide range of unemployment rates, are Billingham (Cleveland), Dun-dee, Ealing (west London), Huddersfield, Crawley and Horsham, Plymouth, Port Talbot and Neath, Preston and Stoke-on-Trent. Ministers are pushing for quick action to cut the total of more than 1.3 million people who have been without a job for a year which shows no signs of reducing in the near future.

All the long-term unemployed in the areas are being invited into the Jobcentres for a two-hour counselling session to establish their needs and, as a first priority, see if they can be placed in a full-time job.

Industry needs lesson in training, Sir Keith says

British companies are criticized by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, for failing to train their employees. The result is that they are losing business to the Japanese, Americans and the rest of Europe.

In a speech in which Sir Keith turned his attention from failure in education to the failings of industry, he said there was evidence that British industry's lack of competitiveness was linked to the failure of companies to insist on a properly trained workforce.

Instead, British companies were content with an under-

The Job Start scheme seeks to give people the financial incentive to return to the labour market. The £20 top-up, which lasts for six months, is taxable but will not be counted for employee or employer national insurance contributions. It will also be paid directly to the individual so that the employer and work colleagues will not be aware of the extra payment.

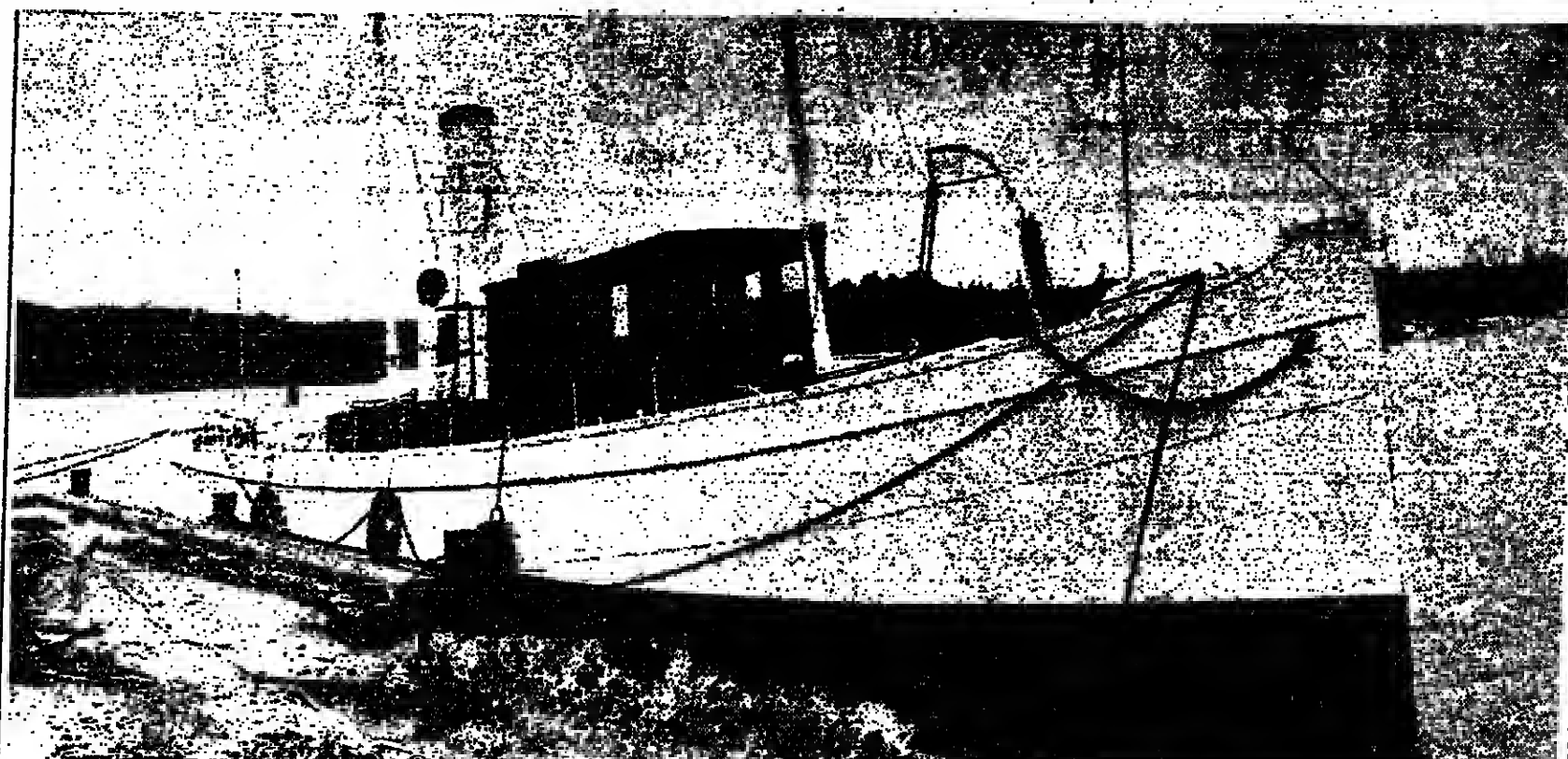
Mr Kenneth Clark, Paymaster General, said last night: "The problem of long-term unemployment is not confined to areas of high general unemployment. Wherever they live, the longer people are out of work, the longer it takes them to get back. People simply get out of touch."

"They need to be given renewed confidence to compete for the jobs that are becoming increasingly available. Now that the rise in unemployment has been halted the Government is determined to give priority to those groups, like the long-term unemployed, who will still have difficulty in finding jobs even as the economy expands."

In another experiment by the Department of Employment, pilot tests to collect information of ethnic minority unemployment statistics are to take place for two weeks from today in Stockton-on-Tees, Thornton Heath (south London) and Totton (Liverpool).

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Employment, said that after the experiments there would be discussions with unions and the Commission for Racial Equality to see whether ethnic monitoring should be extended on a regular basis.

He said the information was needed for job agencies to be able to take account of the needs of ethnic minorities.



This sea-going steam yacht, believed to be the oldest vessel of her type in the world, may be leaving Britain unless a buyer can be found (Gregory Neale writes). The S.Y.

Carola was built in 1898 at Scott's shipyard at Bowing, on the Clyde. After 50 years as a family yacht, she was used during the Second World War, but then became semi-

derelict. She was bought and restored by an enthusiast in the 1970s, and is now berthed on the Beaulieu river at Bucklers Hard, Hampshire, but her owners say the

70ft, 40-ton vessel is too large for them. They want her to stay in Britain and will sell the vessel for half her valuation of about £275,000 (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Militant chosen to fight seat

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Pat Wall, aged 51, a supporter of the Trotskyist Militant Tendency, has been selected as Labour candidate for the Conservative-held marginal seat of Bradford North.

At a selection meeting in Bradford on Saturday night, he won 37 of the 65 votes cast. Dr Barry Seal, member of the European Parliament for West Yorkshire, and Mr Hilary Benn, son of Mr Tony Benn, were among the choices.

Suggestions that Mr Wall's selection will provoke a confrontation with Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, are premature. Although Mr Kinnock has launched an investigation into Militant's control of Liverpool, the party's national executive has already endorsed Mr Dave Nellist, MP for Coventry South East, and Mr Terry Fields, MP for Liverpool Broadgreen, as candidates for the election, in spite of their known support for Militant.

Mr Geoffrey Lawler, the Conservative MP who took the seat from Labour with a majority of 1,602 votes, said: "Voters will find Pat Wall as unacceptable as they did at the last election."

Accusation over honours

By Stephen Goodwin

The Prime Minister is likely to face renewed accusations of rewarding her party's industrial paymasters with knighthoods and peerages after publication today of a new book on the honours system.

In Mrs Thatcher's first six years as Prime Minister, 11 private sector industrialists were given peerages. All according to the author, Mr John Walker, directed companies supporting the Conservatives and which together boosted party funds by £1.9 million.

A further 64 were given knighthoods, of whom, it is said, 44 directed companies which gave in total £4.4 million to Conservative Party funds.

"Private sector industrialists have received knighthoods and peerages at a faster rate under Margaret Thatcher than under

any Prime Minister since Lloyd George, albeit in different circumstances," Mr Walker says. Honours-touting in the Lloyd George era led to the passing of the Honours (Prevention of Abuses) Act in 1925.

Mr Walker's book *The Queen Has Been Pleased* draws heavily on the statistics of the trade union-funded Labour Research Department where Mr Walker worked for five years.

The book will reinforce claims by Labour that while the Government is trying to choke off the flow of trade union funds to the Labour Party, there is no such restriction on donations to the Conservatives from big business, and that the beneficiaries may be rewarded with knighthoods.

The Conservative Party does not disclose the sources of its

income. There is, however, a requirement on companies to detail in their accounts donations of £250 or more.

Of the 10 companies that gave the Conservatives more than £200,000 between 1979 and 1984, nine of them, according to Mr Walker's book, had their boards of directors honoured. Together the nine companies gave £2 million. They received six peerages and five knighthoods.

Top of the list is the food and drinks company, Allied-Lyons, which is said to have given £424,025. In 1981 its then chairman and chief executive, the late Sir Keith Showering, was knighted.

The Queen Has Been Pleased by John Walker (Secker & Warburg, £9.95). Diary, page 10. Letters, page 11.

Warning on non-partisan Whitehall

By Our Labour Correspondent

Senior Civil Servants could be appointed for their political beliefs bringing to an end the tradition of non-partisan government officials, the union representing top Civil Servants says today.

The Association of First Division Civil Servants says that certain posts within government departments could be identified as "political", contracts for the most senior staff could be made more flexible or more political advisers could be appointed to shadow career administrators.

A booklet produced by the union says: "At present Civil Servants are employed for dispassionate, professional advice on policies and their own political beliefs are irrelevant. However, a future government, especially one with radical policies, may require officials to be more highly committed personally to the 'success' of the policy."

The booklet is written by young Civil Servants and is designed as a careers guide to the Civil Service. It is intended to give a candid guide of life as a government official. It argues that changing the non-political stance of the Civil Service would make it less of a long-term career and would require easier mobility out of the service at lower levels when political views could be judged unacceptable by an administration.

"The authors also raise the controversial question of Civil Servants' responsibilities and point out that with no written code of ethics, a Civil Servant is left as 'prey to his own fears and vague professional standards'."

A move toward more open government is also suggested in the booklet which says that the Official Secrets Act is now being used to prosecute people who make embarrassing disclosures even if they have little to do with national security.

Unionists may put up 'dummy' opponents

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Unionist leaders are considering nominating a "dummy" candidate with the name of Mr Peter Barry, the Irish Republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs, in up to five constituencies where "loyalist" politicians may be unopposed in this month's elections.

The nominees will change their name by deed poll to "Peter Barry" and appear as token candidates on ballot papers in a number of seats. Such is the dislike of Mr Barry in his role as joint chairman of the Anglo-Irish ministerial conference that Unionists may be forced to persuade English people to change names as it is thought few loyalists would be prepared to be named after the southern Irish politician.

Another name being canvassed for the "dummy" candidate is Margaret Thatcher, although there is opposition to this tactic as it is feared it could rebound on Unionists and damage still further their cause in the mainland.

The need for a token candidate in several of the 15 constituencies where elections will take place on January 23 is because, without opponents, the returning officer would declare outgoing Unionist MPs as re-elected without any votes being cast. This would bar Unionists of the wide mandate they are seeking for their opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Unionist leaders are to reconsider the tactic of street protests against the Anglo-Irish agreement after a mob violence at a weekend rally in which 26 policemen were injured and two RUC vehicles burnt.

Moderate Unionists are already alarmed at the appearance of masked youths and volunteers from the Ulster Defence Association and the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force at the rally.

Unionist leaders condemned the violence, in which three areas were made when a mob stormed the gate leading to the building housing the secretariat. One policeman is still in hospital with serious facial injuries.

Meanwhile, Mr Barry yesterday described as "minimal" changes in the Emergency Provisions Act allowing for a return of trial by jury for certain offences including firearms, kidnapping, false imprisonment and malicious damage, where there is no parliamentary involvement, which are expected to be announced by the Government next week.

A third Roman Catholic, the first for 14 years, is to be appointed to the Northern Ireland High Court bench. Mr Michael Nicholson, QC, will bring the number of judges on the bench to 10.

Mr Barry yesterday called for an end to the "supergrass" system in Northern Ireland, and said his government wanted terrorists tried by three judges and not one in the non-jury Diplock courts.

The Times overseas selling prices: Australia £20; Belgium £18; Canada \$20; Ceylon £10; Denmark 10.00; France 10.00; Germany 10.00; Greece 10.00; Holland 10.00; India 10.00; Italy 10.00; Japan 10.00; Korea 10.00; Luxembourg 10.00; Malaysia 10.00; Mexico 10.00; New Zealand 10.00; Norway 10.00; Pakistan 10.00; Portugal 10.00; Singapore 10.00; South Africa 10.00; Sweden 10.00; Switzerland 10.00; Taiwan 10.00; Thailand 10.00; USA \$20; Yugoslavia 10.00.

European 'big guns' join forces

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Dugage of Aerospaciale, and Dr Peter Fichtmüller, of the German MBB.

Mr Horne, in a letter said last night he found it "astonishing" that so far the seven-member Westland board had refused all contact with the consortium preferring instead to try to thrash out comparable rescue terms with the favoured partners, Sikorsky-Fiat (Our Business Correspondent writes).

Mr Horne said he hopes the board of Westland would meet members of his consortium before agreeing to recommend the new Sikorsky-Fiat proposal to shareholders.

"They have sat on our offer for two and a half weeks and have not discussed it with us once. It is only right that there should be a meeting," he said.

The proposed meeting would include senior executives of all five members of the Anglo-European consortium, including the chairman and chief executives of GEC and British Aerospace. Mr James Prior, Sir Austin Pearce, Lord Weinstock and Sir Raymond Lygo.

The next most popular destination was the United States, visited by at least 11 sponsored MPs: Israel, Japan, Cyprus and Hong Kong were each visited by at least five sponsored MPs.

Other destinations for the Commons globe-trotters included China, Australia, Brazil, Sri Lanka, Nicaragua, Turkey, Qatar, Taiwan, Indonesia and Pakistan.

The MPs who visited the southern Africa were Robert Adley, Christchurch. Mr



Countrywide birdwatch

Daniel Stevens, aged three, of Tavistock, Devon, was one of the younger participants yesterday in Birdwatch UK86, which its organizers, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Wildfowl Trust, described as the biggest such event to take place in Britain.

Daniel and his father, Phil,

are watching a kingfisher at the Radford Park and Hooe Lake site, Plymouth, one of 150 sites covered by an exercise "intended to show birds to people who haven't tried this fascinating hobby before". From the Channel Islands to Orkney, established reserves, town parks, lakes and walks were chosen.

Paris airshow by four Tory MPs in June, and another Conservative MP was sponsored by Abbey Panels plc for a two-day visit to the show.

Mr Shelton, one of those who visited Namibia, was also one of five MPs who went to Japan, but he appears to be the only one who was sponsored by company, the Matsushita Electric Company. Mr Douglas Hogg, Conservative MP for Grantham, visited Capri last June as the guest of the Bank of Naples.

But one of the most unusual entries in the latest print-out of the Register, which is to be published again next month, is that of Mr John Gummer, the Minister of State for Agriculture. It would appear that while he was chairman of the Conservative Party, he visited the United States in November 1984 "under the auspices of the Democratic Party to view the American election".

Police spending to rise by 8% in 1986-87

The Home Office has inordinately given the police a new year's budget instead of a rise in planned expenditure of 6 per cent in cash terms in 1986-87, they are to receive 8 per cent, in real terms, a 3 per cent rise.

The 8 per cent figure was given mistakenly on November 1985 in reply to a parliamentary question to Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour spokesman on home affairs.

Planned spending on the police in 1985-86, as given in the Public Expenditure White Paper 1985 was £2,843 million. Planned expenditure on the police in 1986-87, to be published soon in the Public Expenditure White Paper 1986, will now be given as £3,060 million.

Extra money will go towards an increase in overall police manpower, uniformed and civilian, from 164,600 at the end of September to more than 167,000 by March 1987. It is thought likely that uniformed police strength will go up by about 1,000.

Uniformed and civilian manpower has risen by 13,000 since May 1979. The police establishment in England and Wales is 122,400.

About 240 extra police officers are to be recruited by March 1987 to regional crime squads for work on drug trafficking offences.

Four crown courts, at Birmingham, Bristol, Maidstone and Southwark, today begin an experiment in applying time limits to criminal proceedings. Magistrates' courts in those areas have already started tests.

The experiment foreshadows the introduction of statutory limits for the whole of England and Wales in mid-1987, intended to speed up trials and reduce periods on remand.

Under the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (although not under the initial experiments), the accused must be released on bail if a time limit for custody expires, and if an overall limit expires, the accused is treated as acquitted. Because of pressure on the courts, no bail time limits have been set for either Southwark or Maidstone, in Birmingham or Bristol, there will be a 182-day limit for those awaiting trial or bail, after which an arraignment, acquittal or formal extension will be required.

Fighting chess wins day

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

James Plaskett, the young English grandmaster, showed his great combative ability with a brilliant game against J. M. Belloa in the seventh round of the Hastings Premier Chess Tournament.

White J. Plaskett, Black J. M. Belloa

1 P-A4 P-C4 2 N-B3 P-A3 3 B-C2 P-C3 4 B-B2 P-B3 5 P-B3 P-A4 6 P-A4 P-B3 7 B-B2 P-C3 8 P-B3 P-A4 9 P-A4 P-B3 10 P-B3 P-A4 11 P-A4 P-B3 12 P-B3 P-A4 13 P-A4 P-B3 14 P-B3 P-A4 15 P-A4 P-B3 16 P-B3 P-A4 17 P-A4 P-B3 18 P-B3 P-A4 19 P-A4 P-B3 20 P-B3 P-A4 21 P-A4 P-B3 22 P-B3 P-A4 23 P-A4 P-B3 24 P-B3 P-A4 25 P-A4 P-B3 26 P-B3 P-A4 27 P-A4 P-B3 28 P-B3 P-A4 29 P-A4 P-B3 30 P-B3 P-A4 31 P-A4 P-B3 32 P-B3 P-A4

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Record savings lift hopes of early cut in building society mortgage rates

By Our Business Staff

Building society depositors, who usually withdraw cash to pay for Christmas shopping, made a late rush to deposit money in the last week of 1985, helping to make December an unexpected record month for the societies.

Provisional figures from the building societies suggest they raised a net £1.5 billion. About £700 million of this came from floating bonds and certificates of deposit on the money markets. But savers contributed

£800 million, as much as the societies expect to raise in a normal month. Net receipts in November were £638 million.

If the trend continues, it will revive hopes of an early cut in mortgage rates, which until now had not been expected for several months. Winter is the low season for mortgages, so much of the new money will boost the societies' cash reserves.

Building Society managers

Abbey National offers retirement to over-50s

The Abbey National, Britain's second biggest building society, has inaugurated an early retirement scheme for branch managers and other middle managers aged over 50.

Large numbers of management trainees were recruited in the late sixties and early seventies; the building society therefore has a "bulge" of junior and middle managers in their late thirties and early forties, and wants to promote more of them.

The move is seen in part as a preparation for the challenges that will be posed by the new powers to sell insurance unconnected with house purchase, and to offer more credit. Local

managers will bring in new business although new specialists will handle such matters as unsecured lending.

In the past two months, more than 100 managers approaching or already over 50 have been sent letters inviting them to discuss terms with a personnel counsellor if they want to retire before the normal age of 60. Those who opt for early retirement receive a cash sum and are likely to be able to receive pensions slightly early.

An Abbey spokesman said yesterday that a few middle managers in their mid-50s had already taken up the offer, but there was no question of the society attempting to get rid of the over-50s.

are unsure why December turned out so well for them, especially as there appears to have been a boom in high street spending. About £100 million, roughly the size of the unexpected boost, could have come from investors who failed in the rush for shares in Laura Ashley, and put their money back on deposit.

Preparations by banks for increased competition with building societies, when the new Bill to extend their lending powers passes through Parliament, could ironically have helped the societies in the short-term. Leading banks no longer require customers to keep balances of £100 or more to enjoy free banking, and customers may have switched some deposits to earn extra interest.

Under the terms of the Building Societies Bill, societies will be able to offer a limited amount of consumer finance at more attractive rates than presently offered by the banks, in addition to normal home-mortgage lending. A new study by Capel-Cure Myers, the City stockbroker, suggests that competition between banks and societies is likely to sustain the consumer spending boom through to the next general election. The brokers estimate that the societies will have about £11 billion available for consumer lending.

Adultery low on divorce list

Only one woman in 10 believes adultery is a justifiable cause for divorce, according to a magazine survey. Even those who think infidelity by either partner is sufficient grounds also believe that the marriage should be ended only if it has already broken down irretrievably.

The survey, in *Options* magazine, suggests that 43 per cent of its readers regard physical cruelty to children as the most justifiable reason for divorce. Physical cruelty to the spouse came second.

Sexual incompatibility and inability to have children were not given a significant rating;

alcoholism and money difficulties were also considered minor factors.

But 59 per cent of those surveyed believed it was a good thing that divorce had been made easier, and 46 per cent felt the women's movement and insistence on women's rights had been "hard" on marriage.

Detective denies any part in exile's death

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A British private detective working for the Seychelles government yesterday denied any part in the murder of a Seychelles political exile and questioned police raids on his offices.

Mr Ian Withers, a security consultant for the Seychelles government, said he had kept a watching brief on Gerard Hoarau, who was killed by machine-gun fire in a north London suburb last November, and other exiles for a long time, but there was "no serious surveillance".

At the time of the shooting Mr Withers was in the Seychelles where he has remained working. He said as soon as he heard of the shooting he offered his help to the British High Commissioner and the London police. His solicitor was told that the police did not want to interview Mr Withers.

But his offices in Hove,

Sussex, and Belfast were searched before Christmas. A secretary, aged 21, who was working for Mr Withers at Hove, was held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act for four days.

Mr Withers said: "As soon as I have completed my business here I intend, subject to my solicitor's advice, to come home. Hopefully, he would meet me in London and if they want to interview me I hope we will be able to do it in a fairly civilized way, such as go along and see what they want."

Today Mr Withers's solicitor is to make a fresh approach to Scotland Yard to arrange an interview when the private detective returns to Britain.

Mr Withers said: "What we are afraid is they might grab me off the plane and lock me up under the Prevention of Terrorism Act."

Fears for women on night work

Attacks on women at night could increase substantially if the Government goes ahead with plans affecting night work, the TUC claims.

The TUC wants to meet Mr Peter Bottomley, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Employment, to tell him of the serious physical danger women could face if the Government lifts legal limits on night work.

Mr Bottomley has already told the TUC that, as part of its overhaul of the Sex Discrimination Act, the Government intends to scrap part of the Factory Act which severely limits the kind of night work women can undertake.

This could lead to many employers forcing women to work at night and many more women having to travel to and from work alone at night, when there is more risk of physical attack, the TUC says.

Avalanche warning to skiers

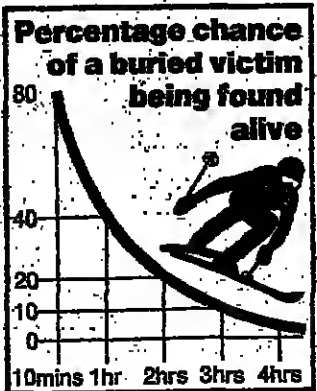
By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Mountain experts in Scotland and in Switzerland warned skiers and climbers yesterday that many more serious avalanches are likely in the next few days.

The deaths of two climbers in Glencoe yesterday brought the number of deaths in avalanches in Britain and the Alps to 15 in less than a week. Safety officers and rescue team leaders are worried that the ski season will bring more deaths from avalanches than in previous years because of a big increase in the number of people skiing off-piste in more dangerous conditions.

Avalanches are notoriously unpredictable and occur through changes in wind, temperature and snowfall. At least 37 people were killed by them in the Alps last year, with 40 deaths in 1984 and 28 the year before.

The most common are slab avalanches. Slabs can be joined by winds blowing falling snow on to a leeward slope of older harder snow. Most of them in Europe occur on north- and east-facing slopes. They produce new surfaces which look



safe but are liable to fracture without warning across the entire width of such slopes.

Such massive slides may be triggered by rises in temperature, fresh snowfalls or the intrusion of skiers or climbers.

New snow on a hard base can cause an avalanche when its weight becomes too great for its grip on mountainsides. Cold, windless conditions produce powder-snow avalanches, which can reach speeds of 120mph and are most likely to cause death by asphyxiation.

Wet-snow avalanches are most likely to happen later in

winter and on south-facing slopes, because of sharp temperature rises towards midday.

"Avalanches are extremely difficult to predict. That is what makes them so dangerous," Mr Peter Cliff, leader of the Cairngorm Mountain Rescue Team said yesterday.

Mr Cliff, author of a book on mountain navigation and an Alpine guide, said it was almost impossible to be certain that any snow slope was safe.

He cited the avalanche death on New Year's Day of a climber in the Cairngorms who had safely descended the slope the previous day and had returned to look for a lost ice hammer.

"It is particularly worrying that more people are skiing off-piste than ever before and putting themselves more at risk," Mr Cliff said.

"For their own preservation, these people must develop a very serious interest in avalanches. Anyone skiing off-piste regularly must expect to be avalanched eventually."

Strong winds and snowfalls in Scotland in recent days have increased the avalanche risk, he said. In Davos, Switzerland, the Avalanche Institute issued a similar warning yesterday.

Two Swedish skiers were killed in Verbier, Switzerland on Saturday after skiing into an area which was cordoned off because of the danger of snow slides. They triggered off an avalanche which engulfed them.

The officials in Davos said off-piste skiing in the areas of deep snow away from the main runs could cause new avalanches. Six other skiers in Switzerland have been killed in the past week, three have died in the Italian Alps, and one in France.

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Rupert Bear, alias Martin Cohen, aged 14, of Edgware, the son of a London taxi driver, sharing a cracker with James Kindle, aged eight, of Charlton Park school, south London, at the annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Grosvenor House for underprivileged children, run by the London Taxidriver's Fund. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Work starts to restore part of Mary Rose

By Amanda Haigh

Restoration work on the wreck of the Mary Rose begins this month which will create "an outsize cutaway model of the Tudor ship".

In a three-year project about 800 timbers which were removed from the hull during the years of underwater excavation will be restored to their original positions.

Mr Arthur Rogers, spokesman for the Mary Rose Trust, said: "Visitors to our new galleries in the dry dock in

Portsmouth will be able to look over the shoulders of the archaeologists as construction work goes on."

The masts have not been recovered and only half the ship can be restored as much of the port side was lost during the four centuries she lay on the seabed. But the reconstruction work on the starboard side will result in what the trust's museum director, Mr Richard Harrison, describes as "an outsize cutaway model."

MoD inquiry into break-in at submarine base

The Ministry of Defence has ordered a full inquiry into an incident in which three people dressed in Santa Claus outfits walked on to two submarines at a top security Navy base, early on Christmas Day.

The incident took place at Faslane, on the Clyde, which is to house Britain's Trident missile fleet. Two men and a woman were arrested.

The three arrested were charged under local by-laws and released, and are expected to appear at Dumbarton Sheriff Court.

Deadlock on choice of Channel fixed link

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The British and French Governments have reached an impasse over attempts to agree a scheme for the proposed multi-billion pound fixed Channel link, with the British keen to find a road and rail solution but the French content with a rail-only link.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State, will meet his French equivalent, M Jean Auroux, in Paris tomorrow in an attempt to resolve the two countries' differences on the project.

The two governments still hope to reach a firm decision on which of the four fixed-link proposals to adopt by the time of Mrs Thatcher's promised visit to Lille on January 30.

The British Department of Transport has expressed a strong preference for the road and rail four-bore tunnel scheme proposed by Channel Expressway as the best compromise solution.

However, this scheme has run into considerable opposition in France because of the low level of French participation in both its proposed financing and construction. The French also believe that the scheme, which is the cheapest of the four options, has been undercosted at £2.1 billion.

The French government is believed to favour the £2.3 billion twin-bore rail scheme proposed by Channel Tunnel Group. This proposal was also favoured as the most practical of the four, both on economic and technical grounds, in a recent joint report by officials of both countries.

But this scheme falls short of British aspirations for a road as well as a rail link. Under the CTG scheme, cars would be transported through the tunnel in rail shuttles.

Drive to encourage pupils into engineering

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Big industrial companies are being asked to invite schools and families to visit their plants and to be prepared to fund more students studying engineering at college and university as part of a concerted national campaign to change the public's view of manufacturing, and make it more popular.

According to the organizers of the campaign which is part of Industry Year 1986 to be launched next week, the public has a low opinion of manufacturing industry.

"This is the fundamental cause of our relative industrial decline and is something which alone sets us apart from our competitors. Engineering particularly suffers from this low esteem. What is vital now is to take concerted action to change attitudes and perceptions."

The campaign is the work of the combined energies of the Engineering Council, the professional engineering institutions, the Engineering Employers' Federation, the Engineering Industry Training Board and the Women's Engineering Society.

The campaign's working party tries to lift the public's awareness in a booklet published today. The pamphlet, *Take Action for Engineering*, outlines what should be done to change outdated attitudes.

Bamber will

Mr Jeremy Bamber, aged 24, who is in Norwich prison awaiting trial for murder, has been left the bulk of the £229,790 estate of his adoptive mother, Mrs June Bamber of Whitehouse Farm, Tolleshurst D'Arcy, Essex, one of his alleged victims who was found dead at her home with her husband, daughter and twin grandsons last August.

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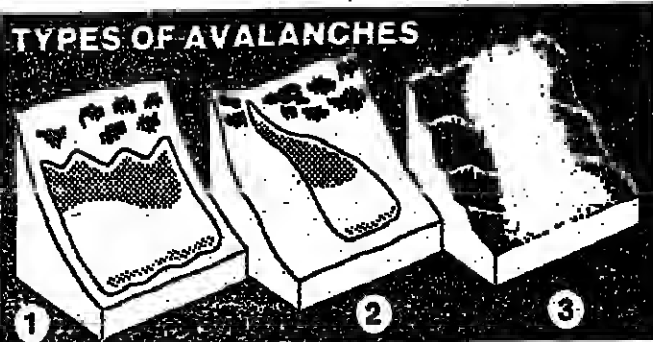
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- 1 Slab avalanche: A traverse by a skier can fracture across a slope, releasing a block of snow. Temperature rises or new snow are other causes.
- 2 Loose snow avalanche: Starts from a single point, often beneath rocks, snow can be wet or dry and slides usually come after a thaw.
- 3 Powder snow avalanche: Comes after heavy falls of fine snow in still weather, on a hard base. The weight provokes slides and clouds of snow.

Acas standing by for talks with teachers' unions and employers

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The two sides in the teachers' pay dispute are meeting separately in London this week to discuss going to arbitration or conciliation.

It is understood that the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) will be standing by tomorrow afternoon to have talks with the teachers' unions after their meeting.

Schools reopen today when the dispute will be 11 months old. Even if the unions take up the Acas offer of exploratory talks, the dispute is expected to go on at least until the end of term.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, repeated at the weekend that there would be no more money for teachers unless they agreed to reforms to their contracts. He has set aside £1.25 billion for new promotion prospects on condition that progress is made towards a "clear definition of the range of teachers' duties, linked to their contracts of employment".

A total of £50 million of that money has been released to provide lunchtime supervisors to schools, but Sir Keith said: "I must make it clear again that the Government is not willing to release any more of that £1.25 billion except on the conditions stated, and that the Government is not willing to increase the resources available to local education authorities in 1985-86 to help meet the cost of any pay settlement".

The teachers' unions are likely to accept the Acas offer of talks, if only for public relations reasons. The gap between the two sides remains substantial; the employers have informally offered 6.9 per cent, staged so that teachers get 7.5 per cent by the end of March.

The unions want to increase the end-of-year element, and last month asked for 9.9 per cent. The employers, who meet on Wednesday, say they cannot raise the offer without help from the Government. This is forthcoming only on the conditions Sir Keith has specified, but employers and unions have shelved these longer-term issues until next year's pay round.

Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters' Union of Women Teachers, which is able to control the

teachers' panel with the help of the smaller unions, is gloomy about the Acas initiative.

If Acas had waited the two sides would have been able to have further talks and might have made progress, he said.

Acas has a number of options. It could propose arbitration, possibly outside the Burnham committee machinery. It could also propose that if the two sides settle, a tribunal be established to look at the long-term difficulties of pay structure, contract and appraisal.

Alternatively, Acas can mount its own inquiry, although, at the end, it would be confronted with the same question of what to do about teachers' pay.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Teachers and secretary of the Burnham committee, said that the teachers should opt for Acas. "The prospects for the new term are so horrendous in terms of continued disruption that we have to explore every avenue," he said. "Otherwise the public will not forgive the teachers."

In a new year message to teachers today, Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, reiterates that there will be no lasting peace until the employers and the Government give a firm commitment to restore pay to 1974 levels.

The NUT and the NAS/UWT meet tonight to try to overcome their differences. The NUT wants a definitive solution to pay this year round, while the NAS/UWT is prepared to go for an interim settlement, and restore pay later.

● In Scotland, where the dispute has been in progress longer, the battle for an independent pay review continues with further strikes this week.

The Educational Institute of Scotland, the main teaching union, will announce today strikes in Aberfeldy, Tayside, Strathclyde and Perthshire. Strathclyde and Perthshire, Hellenburgh and Shotts, Strathclyde and Stirling, Grampian, involving 730 teachers and affecting 15,000 pupils. The action marks the end of a one-month temporary truce.

CBI's 'pay hypocrisy' criticized

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Company profits and the salaries of senior executives have risen at a faster rate than the pay of their employees according to a report published today which also accuses the Confederation of British Industry of "hypocrisy" in calling for lower wage settlements.

The report, by Mr John Hughes, principle of Ruskin College Oxford, for the Trade Union Research Unit, says that the "new for now" call by Sir Terence Beckett, the director general, at the confederation's conference in Harrogate was an attempt to reduce the issues of incomes distribution "to a slogan couched in a supposed Yorkshire dialect".

Mr Hughes advances the argument that pay is being pulled from the top by large increases at the top of the scales rather than being pushed up from below.

"There are a number of worrying features emerging in the handling of remuneration and rewards of business executives sufficiently so as to make them the last people who should seek to lecture other groups on their acquisitive instincts," the report says.

It states the dividends of ordinary shares of industrial and commercial companies rose by 68 per cent between 1981 and 1984. Chief executives of the largest companies had on average a 16 per cent pay increase in 1984 and incentive payments to those senior executives increased by 184 per cent in the year to October 1984.

Mr Hughes says that while real gross trading profits rose by 45 per cent between 1981 and 1984, the real pay of employees increased by at best 2 per cent, and claims that the big rise in profits had been achieved by companies removing workers "en masse" from their pay bills.

Mr Hughes is also critical of companies' unwillingness to invest increased profits and records that manufacturing investment between 1981 and 1984 fell short of renewing productive assets by £5.5 billion.

Mr Hughes points out that it is a normal feature of the business cycle that in a period of "upswing" the employment share of income in national product falls and profits rise. "So a degree of disproportion is to be expected, but in the 1980s we are looking at massive changes packed into a short period of time," he says.

Economic Appraisal, No 41 (Trade Union Research Unit, 23 Worcester Place, Oxford OX1 2JW).

Ion shield for VDU operators

A compact device that could reduce the potential hazards of visual display units has been developed in Britain.

The device, not much bigger than two cigarette packets, has a rotating blade that creates an invisible ion shield between the VDU screen and the operator. It is called an Ion Drive, and is the first of a new generation of negative ion generators which clear the air of dust, smoke and germs by giving out a negative electrical charge.

Research has shown that VDU screens can attract harmful airborne particles and bury them rapidly at the operator, possibly causing blurred vision, conjunctivitis, head, neck and back aches, nausea and irritability.

A spokesman for the London Ioniser Centre said: "The device is not claimed to be the answer to the potential problems caused by continual exposure to VDUs, but it has proved effective and could soon become a familiar feature of any environment where screens are in use".

Coroner's order on Phil Lynott

A post-mortem examination is to be carried out today on Phil Lynott, the former Thin Lizzy vocalist, who died aged 35 on Saturday.

Mr John Elgar, the Wiltshire coroner, ordered the examination to help him decide whether to hold an inquest. Lynott died after 11 days in Salisbury Infirmary's intensive care unit, where he had been transferred after treatment to a clinic specializing in drink and drug addiction.

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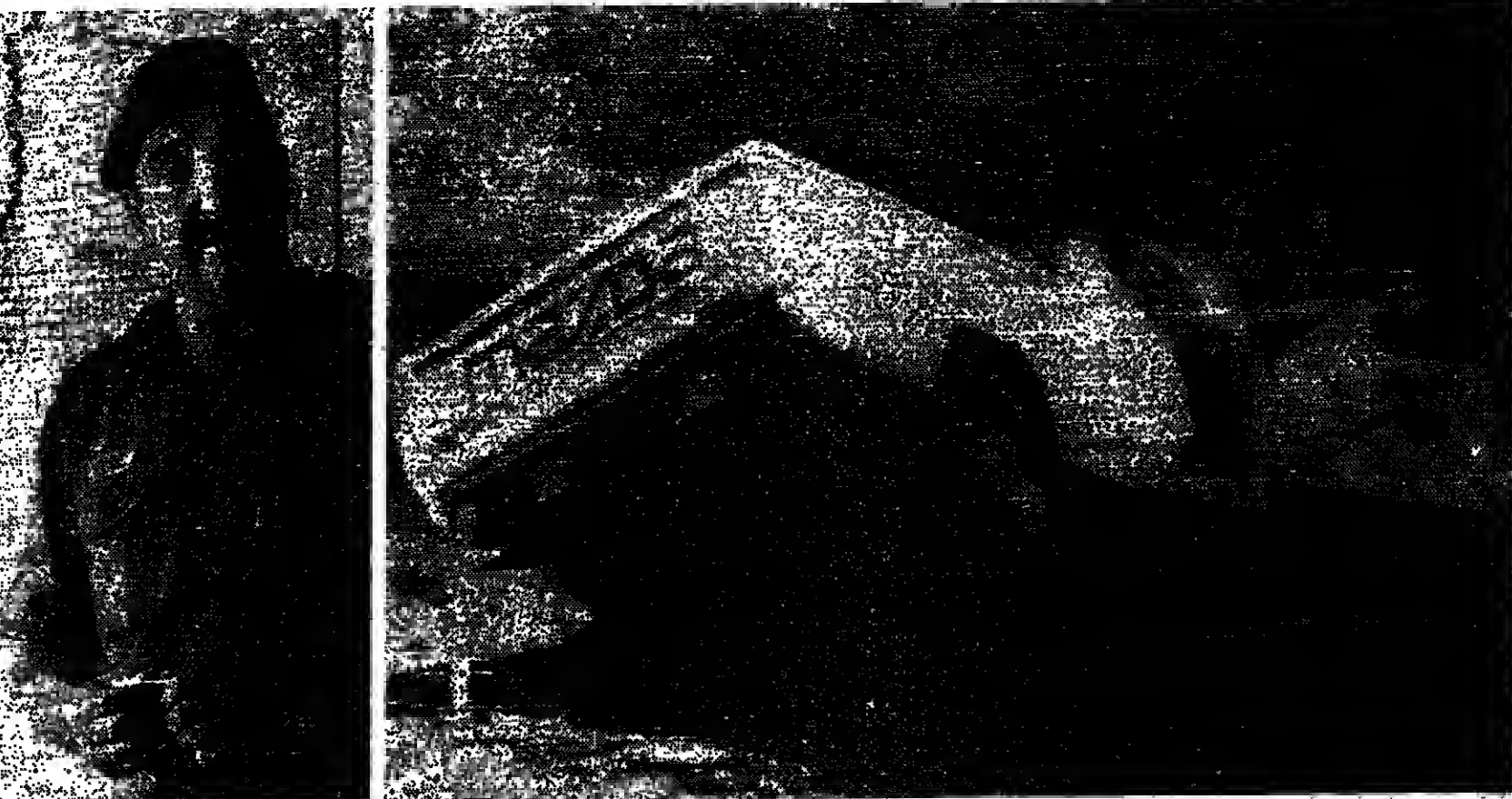
Hugh Thomas sues journalist

Lord Thomas of Swynnerton, the author and historian Hugh Thomas, has taken out a writ in the High Court against Mr Peregrine Worsthorne, associate editor of the Sunday Telegraph, over an item in his diary column in The Spectator on December 14.

Lord Thomas, aged 54, is chairman of the Centre for Policy Studies. He claims damages for libel from the magazine's publishers and from Mr Worsthorne.

Airport patrolled

Armed troops were at Heathrow Airport again yesterday as the joint police/army anti-terrorist exercise, code-named Operation Trustee, entered its fifth day.



Brigadier Minnas Fourie, Chief of Staff of the South African Army's Far North Command, at the scene of the mined truck in which two whites died

Concrete evidence lacking, but... Gunmen passports link Gaddafi regime to airports massacre

By Our Foreign Staff

Despite considerable sabre-rattling by Israel and the United States towards Libya, there is still a lack of public evidence implicating Colonel Gaddafi in the terrorist atrocities at Rome and Vienna airports.

The strongest link publicly revealed is the discovery that the Tunisian passports carried by three of the Vienna terrorists had originally gone missing to Libya.

According to the Tunisian Ministry of the Interior, two of the passports were confiscated by Tripoli from Tunisians expelled from Libya last summer; the third was reported lost or stolen as long ago as 1977 by a Tunisian in Libya.

These details were repeated by an unnamed senior Vienna policeman to the German Sunday paper *Welt am Sonntag* yesterday, who said that Gaddafi was now "clearly implicated" in the terrorist attacks.

"Until now we could only speculate on his involvement, but this new evidence clearly implicates Libya," he said.

Five thousand Tunisians were expelled recently from Libya for refusing to adopt Libyan citizenship, and in many cases their passports were seized.

The Vienna Government enjoys normal and on the whole friendly relations with the Gaddafi regime, and although the Austrian Minister of the Interior, Herr Karl Blecha, criticized Libya last week for

having issued shortly after the airport attacks a statement praising the terrorists, Austrian minister has been prepared officially to point an accusing finger at Gaddafi.

The Reagan Administration's evidence of Libyan involvement is sketchy and circumstantial, and leading senators complained yesterday that they had not been able to find "the smoking gun" to Colonel Gaddafi's hands.

But US officials say they are sure that intelligence information, public pronouncements by the Libyan leader and the movements of known terrorists all point to Abu Nidal having received a "safe haven, money, logistical support and encouragement" from Libya.

US intelligence has kept a close watch on Abu Nidal, and although he has been reported seeing him receive money from Libya, Washington intelligence sources are certain of the financial link with Tripoli.

President Reagan's direct accusations are perhaps more political and rhetorical than based on firm knowledge. A State Department analyst says that Gaddafi is notoriously difficult to pin down, and Senator Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said it was difficult to deal with a man like Gaddafi who was prepared to tell barefaced lies on television.

In Italy, a weekend meeting

of the Cahocet security committee, under the Prime Minister, Signor Bettino Craxi, was said to have decided that relations with Libya should be reviewed if evidence of Libyan complicity were to emerge. But the evidence was considered to be inconclusive.

The West German Government remained tight-lipped yesterday on any concrete evidence it might have.

Herr Norbert Schäfer, a deputy Government spokesman said on Friday that there was growing evidence that Tripoli had supported the terrorist attacks; but his statement was late amended to say that if the clues Bonn had to Libyan support hardened, West Germany would co-ordinate measures against Tripoli with its European partners.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, has publicly held Libya responsible. He told the Knesset last week that the attacks were apparently the work of the Abu Nidal organization, which, he said, has operating bases in Syria and Libya and links with Iran.

Despite his claims, however, no concrete evidence has yet been provided in Israel either of Abu Nidal's complicity or of Libya's alleged role. Significantly, an Israeli Army spokesman confirmed last night that no official statement has been put out by his office implicating either Abu Nidal or Libya.

Radio says Syria pulled out missiles

From Our Correspondent Jerusalem

Israel defence forces were said last night to have confirmed American reports that Syria had withdrawn to its own territory mobile Sam-6 and Sam-8 anti-aircraft missiles it had deployed in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

The Israeli confirmation of reports by American television networks at the weekend was made by Israel Radio, which had earlier in the day reported that Israel was monitoring the situation in the Bekaa Valley but officially would neither confirm nor deny that the missiles had been redeployed.

Military analysts here say that the precise location of the Sam-6s and Sam-8s a few kilometres on one side or the other of the Syrian border is of little significance.

The main threat to Israeli reconnaissance missions over Lebanon, the analysts point out, is posed not by the short-range Sam-6s and Sam-8s but by the much longer range Sam-2s. These were moved close to Syria's border with Lebanon last month following the downing of two Syrian fighters by Israeli aircraft operating over Lebanon in November.

● TEL AVIV: Two Palestinian youths have been arrested on suspicion of killing a Jewish taxi driver in Lod, and they may be linked to an earlier attack on another driver, police said yesterday. (AP reports).

Strike called by French air controllers

Paris (Renter) - French air traffic controllers have called a one-day strike today, but minimum service will be provided for both national and international flights, airport authorities said.

The National Air Traffic Controllers Union said 20 internal flights and 60 international flights, arrivals and departures, would be handled during the stoppage to meet the minimum service requirements of a recent government decree. Handling of overflights will be halved.

Rhodes trustees to seek 'whites only' rule change

New York (NYT) - The British trustees who administer the Rhodes scholarships plan to ask the British Government for permission to change a provision in the founder's will restricting two of the scholarships awards yearly in South Africa to schools that admit only whites.

The decision to ask whether the bequest of Cecil Rhodes may be altered represents a shift in the trustees' policy and comes after a two-year dispute between them and Rhodes scholars over the issue.

In speeches, in a petition drive, and in articles in the *American Oxonian*, graduate's quarterly, past and present scholarship recipients, mostly Americans and Canadians, have said that the process for awarding the South African scholarships is unfair to blacks, whose labour built the fortune that finances the awards.

Since the scholarships were

Hart fuels speculation he may run for president

From Michael Blyown
Washington

Senator Gary Hart has announced that he will not seek re-election as a senator this year, prompting immediate speculation that he will seek the Democratic presidential nomination in 1988.

His announcement at the weekend in his home state of Colorado comes less than three weeks after Senator Edward Kennedy formally bowed out of the race and makes Mr Hart, a leader contender against Mr Walter Mondale in 1984, the front-runner in the coming presidential race.

"My work has yet to be done," Mr Hart told supporters outside his "log" cabin near Denver. "As I forge some role to move our party and our country into the future, I won't be coy about my plans," he said.

"It's time for me to express commitment to our state and our nation in other ways, and perhaps on a further horizon," he added. "Does that mean I'm making some announcement about '88? No. Does it mean I still have an interest in being president? Yes."

Mr Hart still has a debt of \$3.5m (£2.33 million) to pay off after his unsuccessful campaign in 1984, but he has now freed himself to devote his time to fund raising and to making an impact against other contenders.

Mr Hart has probably calculated that a third Senate campaign would be too risky for a person with presidential ambitions. His seat is considered pivotal to the Democrats' hopes of recapturing control of the Senate, but he won by just 1 per cent in 1984.

His withdrawal means that the Democratic candidate will probably be Representative Timothy Wirth, who will face one of three Republican candidates, each of whom has a strong chance in a state that traditionally votes Republican.

Mr Hart, whose appeal to young Democratic voters in 1984 seemed to mark a break with former traditional Democratic policies and stand him in good stead as the party sought its strategy, has been busy in the past year sharpening his views on issues such as trade and a tax on imported oil.

He faces a crowded field in his presidential attempt. Another strong contender would be Governor Mario Cuomo of New York. Others are Governor Bruce Babbitt of Arizona, Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey, and Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware, all of whom are younger than Mr Hart, who is 50. His image is still fuzzy, and he has yet to build support

US ready to help Mexico clear debt

From John Carlin
Mexico, Mexico

President Reagan told President de la Madrid of Mexico that the United States was ready and willing to help Mexico overcome its dangerous debt crisis but, after their talks last Friday, it is evident that the problem of Central America remains a stumbling block to relations.

Mr Reagan told Señor de la Madrid that the US would support a current effort by Mexico to raise fresh loans from foreign banks this year of \$4 billion (£2.7 million). Without this money, Washington knows, the nightmare possibility of social unrest along the 2,000-mile southern US border would loom larger than ever.

"The lack of growth in Latin America generates serious problems, opening the door to political instability," said President de la Madrid. He said the industrialized nations should pay urgent attention to the demands of debtor nations.

The Mexican President was said to be receptive to a debt package which President Reagan's delegation came to the summit to promote. Known as "The Baker Plan" after the US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, it involves providing debtor nations with enough new loans for growth to be possible. But the loans would be tied to internal "economic reforms" aimed at fortifying the role of the private sector.

The two presidents, both alarmed at the prospect of instability in Mexico, clearly willing to act in harmony to try and restore the Mexican economy.

However, senior US officials made clear afterwards that Central America remained a source of friction. Clearly President de la Madrid was referring to this when he said in a lunchtime address to President Reagan that there had been a growth in the potential areas of conflict between the two nations.

President Reagan's address centred on the need for Mexico and the US to stand shoulder to shoulder in support of democracy. As the US officials explained, left-wing Nicaragua is perceived by Washington to be the principal obstacle to democracy, the principal exporter of terrorism in Latin America.

Mexico does not agree. President de la Madrid reiterated his opposition to "ring the bell of freedom" as President Reagan put it, through military overthrow of the Nicaraguan Government.

administration says "We keep getting a concrete block dropped on our toes because they forget to say they are handing it to us".

Note: In addition to Anzus, Australia is involved in the five-power defence arrangement with Britain, New Zealand, Malaysia and Singapore and assists regional allies under the defence cooperation programme. The following table for the estimated DCP expenditure in 1985-86. (Figs in 1,000s of Australian dollars. Approx 48p to the dollar)

Papua New Guinea	20,079
Indonesia	9,947
Malaysia	5,667
Singapore	1,449
Others	15,562
(Asia and Pacific)	52,734
Total	105,734

Officials in Canberra expect that the next step in the dispute will be made in mid-year when the New Zealand legislation on restricted access to its ports by nuclear-powered or -armed ships should have been through the committee stage and be ready for enactment. It, as looks likely, the US terminates all cooperation with New Zealand as a result, what happens to the alliance?

Mr Hayden discussed this

Canada's provinces threaten trade deal

From John Best
Ottawa

A potentially serious rift between the Federal Government and Canada's two central provinces is threatening to scuttle negotiations for a free-trade deal with the US before they even get started.

The two provinces, Ontario and Quebec, together have more than half the national population of 25 million, and most of the country's industrial power.

The premiers, Mr David Peterson of Ontario and Mr Robert Bourassa of Quebec, have been saying recently that the provinces are entitled to a veto over any decisions taken at the projected trade talks.

This would make the task of the chief Canadian negotiator, Mr Simon Reisman, a former deputy minister of finance, almost impossible, and would also increase regional differences over free trade.

The four western and four Atlantic provinces generally favour free trade, but the two central provinces are cool to hostile.

The Western and Atlantic provinces will be watching Mr Reisman closely to see that their interests are protected, and will be insisting on the right to full consultation every step of the way. But they clearly do not wish to hamstring the negotiator by demands for a veto.

The western and easternmost parts of Canada have long regarded the national tariff structure as a device to build up central Canadian industry at their expense.

They regard free or freer trade with the US as an opportunity to break down barriers that have kept the price of American goods artificially high in Canada, and perhaps also make it possible to build up their own industry. Strains on Canadian consideration are thus inherent in the planned negotiations.

Canada and the US have by far the largest bilateral commercial partnership in the world. Trade is running at about \$260 billion (£80 billion) a year.

Canada enjoys a healthy surplus of around \$20 billion a year, but the Government here is nervous about a growing protectionist trend in the US Congress, which could play havoc with Canadian exports.

Beyond that there is growing apprehension in Canada that the country is exposed by being the only leading industrialized country or trade bloc without an internal market of 100 million or more. If trade wars ever started among the giants, Canada would surely get caught in the crossfire, yet hardly be in a position to defend itself.

At a recent meeting in Halifax, the provincial premiers and the federal Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney, agreed that the provinces should have "full participation" in the US negotiations. But they did not even attempt - because they would not have succeeded - to define just what full participation entails. This is to be worked out over a 90-day period of what promises to be strenuous talks.

On the US side, President Reagan has informed Congress of his administration's intention to conclude trade talks with Canada and Congress has 60 days in which to forestall the negotiations.

If it takes no action it will be deemed to have given Mr Reagan the mandate he seeks. Administration sources have predicted that this will happen, despite the concern of some American industries.

Meanwhile, Canadian nationalist forces of every description are mobilizing to fight against free trade, which they fear will undermine Canada's independence and, perhaps, ultimately, lead to its political absorption.

question with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, in October and also with Mr Geoffrey Palmer, New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister.

Both Australia and the US would be reluctant to renegotiate a new bilateral treaty. Canberra might be in a stronger position in its relations with the US than ever before, but scrapping Anzus and starting all over again, with the stimulus that would give the nationalist and anti-nuclear lobbies, is the last thing the Government wants.

Nor is there any desire on the US side for a new treaty. Mr Paul Wolfowitz, Assistant Secretary of State, said in a satellite link-up interview recently that he would prefer the present treaty to remain the framework for a bilateral arrangement.

It has been suggested that the one way this could be accomplished would be an exchange of letters between Washington and Canberra keeping Anzus open as a treaty and leaving New Zealand as a sleeping partner - and in a position to resume membership if the anti-nuclear legislation rescinded by a future government.

Tomorrow: Defence groups

More heads roll as Soviet leader intensifies purge of the old guard

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The purge of elderly Soviet officials and their replacement by a new breed of younger, more technologically minded men by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev has continued with the sacking of Mr Vladimir Promyslov, the long-standing Mayor of Moscow, who has been forced into retirement at the age of 77.

The Kremlin leadership has at the same time continued with its ruthless purge of the Soviet Union's four Central Asian republics, widely regarded as the most corrupt in the country.

Izvestia yesterday reported that a large number of senior Communist Party officials had been sacked and severely reprimanded in the Republic of Kirgizia for allowing what the paper described as a drop in economic performance and moral standards.

Izvestia reported that the sacked officials had allowed a sharp drop in the region's agricultural production; had paid too little attention to the teaching of Russian in local schools; and had turned a blind eye to the considerable number of officials abusing their positions. It added that the dismissed men had also done nothing to eradicate "extremely prevalent and harmful vestiges of old, dark, religious prejudices".

The removal of the powerful Moscow mayor - disclosed by

Soviet television - came less than two weeks after Mr Gorbachev succeeded in securing the removal of Mr Viktor Grishin, aged 71, from his influential position as head of the Moscow City Communist Party.

Mr Grishin had been seen as one of three opponents of Mr Gorbachev's new style remain-



Mr Vladimir Promyslov, forced to retire.

ing inside the ruling 12 man Politburo. He is expected to lose his seat there later this year and his fall, together with Mr Promyslov, is likely soon to have far-reaching repercussions for entrenched officials further down the bureaucratic ladder. The sweeping new purges

inside the administration of the Soviet capital are seen by observers as further evidence that Mr Gorbachev is intent on ruthlessly removing dead wood right up until next month's Communist Party Congress. Like his party ally Mr Grishin, Mr Promyslov had come under increasing pressure from the Kremlin following bitter criticism of the city administration in the official Soviet Press.

The brief television announcement revealed that Mr Promyslov, who had held his post since the early 1960s had been replaced as chairman of the Moscow City Soviet (council) by Mr Valery Salokin, head of the city's "Zil" car factory. The ex-mayor was said to be going into "retirement".

Diplomats noted that the removal of the mayor had taken place at a special meeting attended by Mr Boris Yeltsin, aged 54, the engineer who took over as Moscow Communist Party chief from Mr Grishin and who is regarded as an up-and-coming political star very much in Mr Gorbachev's own image.

Since Mr Gorbachev took control in the Kremlin in March, considerably more than 20 per cent of all Communist Party officials in the country have been removed. As yet, there has been no sign of the purge letting up.

Portuguese left backs dissident in election

Lisbon (Reuter) - Portugal's presidential contest intensified this weekend after the powerful Communist Party decided to back the dissident Socialist candidate, Senhor Francisco Salgado Zenha, in the election later this month.

A national conference of the staunchly Moscow-aligned party voted last night to back the 63-year-old lawyer as the only "candidate of democracy" capable of beating the right wing.

The Communist Party regularly wins 16-20 per cent of the vote at local and general elections.

Senhor Zenha, the last of the four main presidential candidates to declare his candidacy, is challenging his former colleague and co-founder of the Socialist Party, Senhor Mario Soares.

Senhor Soares, who has led three governments as prime minister since the country's 1974 overthrow of dictatorship, is bitterly opposed by the Communists because of his strong anti-Communist stand during the turbulent months after the revolution. The more radical Senhor Zenha has supported Senhor Soares against the Communists but the two men later clashed over Socialist Party policies.

The Communist Party has labelled Senhor Soares a right-wing candidate alongside former Christian Democratic leader Senhor Diego Freitas de Amaral.



Firemen sitting on the wreckage of a house in the Gentilly suburb of Paris, after a gas blast yesterday which injured two people.

New team in Brussels confronts crisis over EEC spending

From Richard Owen, Brussels

As the dust settles in Brussels after a remarkably successful shake up of the EEC Commission by its President, M Jacques Delors, senior Commission sources gave a warning at the weekend that the new 17-member commission faces an impending financial crisis over both farm spending and over-stretched structural funds.

One senior official said: "Delors deserves all praise for the smooth incorporation of Spain and Portugal. Now the problems begin."

There was widespread admiration for the way in which M Delors had manoeuvred deftly to persuade commissioners to part with some of their Portfolios to accommodate the two Spanish commissioners, Senhor Manuel Marin and Senhor Able Matutes, and the Commissioner from Portugal, Senhor Antonio Cardoso E Cunha. Only Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the junior British Commissioner, stood firm, arguing that he had to keep control of the transport portfolio to ensure continuity and to inspire confidence in shipping, airlines and other transport industries.

M Delors himself retained monetary affairs, having earlier hinted that he might give it up, an adroit move which encouraged Commissioners to be more amenable in relinquishing their own portfolios. Mr Frans Andriessen of Holland, Mr Grigoris Varfis of Greece, Mr

Peter Sutherland of the Irish Republic and Mr Alois Pfeiffer of West Germany all made concessions to give Spain social affairs and financial instruments and Portugal fisheries.

But the most complex bit of reshuffling has aroused criticism, as it leaves Mr Varfis with an important say in structural funds, where Greece has a vested interest, and consumer protection, where Greece's record is one of the poorest in the EEC. Coordination of structural funds, formerly the EEC president's own fief, goes to Mr Varfis to compensate him for the loss of regional affairs to Herr Pfeiffer, who in turn conceded employment to Senhor Marin.

The transfer of consumer protection to Mr Varfis from Mr Clinton Davis is a relatively minor concession which leaves the consumer portfolio low on the list of commission priorities.

But it is the depleted structural funds which present the reorganised Delors Commission with one of its largest headaches in 1986. The funds, which cover regional aid, agricultural investment and Mediterranean aid programmes, are the subject of dispute between the Council of Ministers and the European parliament, and could run dry within a few months unless the budget crisis is resolved.

Facelift for Moral Majority

From Michael Binyon Washington

In a clear attempt to counter an increasing negative public reaction, the Rev Jerry Falwell, leader of Moral Majority, has announced that the hard-line conservative religious lobby group is to change its name and broaden its activities.

The new group will be called Liberty Federation. It will still be a religious lobby and focus on "moral issues" such as abortion, pornography and school prayers, but it will now embrace overtly political issues, such as aid to Nicaragua, Contras, resistance to Communism in Taiwan, the Philippines and South Africa; and support for President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative.

Mr Falwell, an aggressive opponent of liberalism and a pillar of the New Right in the United States, said he was not disbanding or retreating, and blamed the press for the fall in support for Moral Majority. The press had "bloodied and beaten the name Moral Majority" since its founding in 1979, he said.

After accusing Bishop Desmond Tutu of being a "phony" during a visit to South Africa last year, the Baptist minister from Lynchburg, Virginia, has steadily slipped in popularity ratings and in his ability to raise funds.

Opponents of Mr Falwell claimed that the change would show Moral Majority as really being a right wing political organization.

Big deal by press baron challenged

From Diana Geddes Paris

The surprise purchase of one of the most important French provincial newspapers groups by M Robert Hersant, who is already by far the most powerful press baron in France, has caused an uproar, particularly as it seems to be in direct opposition to a law banning press monopolies.

M Georges Filloud, Minister for Communications, said that the purchase of the eight titles in *Le Progrès* group of Lyons was illegal under the law passed in October 1984, which forbade any one person or newspaper group acquiring new titles if their existing newspapers exceeded the prescribed quotas of 10 per cent of national daily sales, and 10 per cent of provincial sales.

Even before buying *Le Progrès*, which was on the verge of bankruptcy, Mr Hersant has exceeded those quotas, but the law could not be applied retroactively. His empire accounted for 38 per cent of national daily sales, including *Le Figaro*, and 19 per cent of provincial daily sales. In addition, he owns 30 local radio stations, a press agency and an advertising agency, and is well advanced in his plan to buy a television channel as soon as the right comes to power.

The commission set up under the press monopolies law said that M Hersant had failed to inform them of his plans to buy *Le Progrès* and that it would be examining the legality of the situation at its meeting on Thursday.

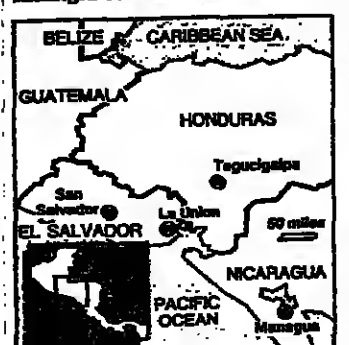
Peace marchers aim to enter Salvador by boat

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica

About 200 international peace campaigners, rejected by every Central American country except Nicaragua, say they will try to enter El Salvador by boat.

They gathered last month in Panama from about 40 countries and set out to march through Central America before ending their journey in Mexico.

To their most spectacular actioo to date, they are preparing to set out in small vessels tomorrow from northern Nicaragua and sail across the heavily patrolled Gulf of Fonseca to La Unión in El Salvador. They are almost certain to be intercepted at sea by Salvadorean patrol boats, or refused landing by immigration officials.



The marchers say the actioo will help to focus world attention on their plea for peace in Central America.

Late last week, after El Salvador announced that the demonstrators would be refused entry, 20 peace marchers entered Sao Salvador surreptitiously by air. Then they set out in buses with about 500 local supporters for guerrilla-controlled territory.

The left-wing guerrilla coalition had announced that the marchers would be welcomed as they passed through sectors under rebel control. But plans were thwarted when the buses were turned back.

Another 20 demonstrators quietly entered Honduras by air late last week and, according to radio reports, took part in several small peace marches on Friday. On Saturday they reportedly flew from Honduras to Mexico.

At the weekend the bulk of the marchers gave up attempts to cross by land from Nicaragua to Honduras. After spending the holiday period in Nicaragua, they had camped for several days at the remote border crossing of El Espino, where heavily armed Honduran soldiers blocked their passage.

Bogotá siege role denied

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Nicaragua has formally denied that terrorist arms used in the siege of the Palace of Justice in Bogotá, Colombia, last November were supplied to the April 19 Movement (M-19) by the Sandanista Government.

The denial of "any interference" in Colombia's internal affairs was made at the weekend by the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, Father Miguel D'Escoto, in a letter to his

Colombian counterpart, Señor Augusto Ramirez Ocampo.

Father D'Escoto also denied that a Mass celebrated in a Managua church three days after the siege and attended by the Sandanista Interior Minister, Señor Tomas Borge, had been in memory of M-19 "martyrs" killed in the siege.

After an extensive investigation, Father D'Escoto is convinced that the M-19 arms used in the siege came from Nicaragua.

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Minister sets strategic priorities

Chinese arms factories ordered to increase output of civilian goods

From Mary Lee, Peking

The Chinese Ordnance Ministry has ordered all its weapons factories to turn to civilian production. "No matter how heavy their military commitments might be," the Ordnance Minister, Mr. Zou Jiahua, said that combined production of military and civilian goods was "a long-term policy of strategic importance."

He said that the transport, energy, telecommunications and buildings material sectors were priorities.

The Ordnance Ministry, which is responsible for making conventional weapons for the People's Liberation Army (PLA) - was among the first of China's seven defence industries to make civilian products several years ago. Its leading arm, China North Industries Corporation (Norinco), has also been exporting conventional weapons to the Middle East.

Last year, according to Mr. Zou, its weapons factories made 500,000 motor cycles, 250,000 cameras, 100,000 refrigerators, 450,000 bicycles and 7,000 other vehicles, the total value of which was 2 billion yuan (\$412 million) - an increase of 51.1 per cent on 1984.

Ten per cent of this total was exported to 24 countries. The 1986 target is to raise the value

of civilian production by 50 per cent, he said.

According to the State Council's Commission of Science, Technology and Industry, which is overseeing the transformation of defence industrial capacity to civilian lines, the number of civilian items produced has risen from slightly more than 400 in 1983 to nearly 9,000 last year. The State Economic Commission (SEC) said recently that the proportion of consumer goods produced by the defence establishment had grown from 18 per cent to 26 per cent in 1984.

The move to integrate production of civilian goods into China's defence industry began in 1980, when the leadership recognised that the independent paths pursued by the two sectors "caused the state to suffer considerable losses in financial, material and human resources", a report published by the SEC said in May. There is still massive idle capacity in the defence industries while the civilian sector cannot meet domestic demand for consumer goods.

The SEC report said that, because of 30 years of rigid demarcation between military and civilian industries, China still cannot make civilian

airliners, even though it has been making military aircraft since 1954.

Another example cited was that, 20 years after China exploded its first atom bomb in 1964, it still cannot produce a nuclear power plant. "Foreign firms have reaped staggering profits while our country suffered losses," the report said.

It also said that it was unlikely that the country could integrate its military-civilian industrial structure in the near future, "because it involves a good many complicated problems." The Ordnance Ministry's decision - plans for its civilian line have not been published - is one of the steps which the SEC report recommends should be taken.

Analysis said that the move is probably connected with the decision not to increase the defence budget significantly in the next few years. The other objective in the military-civilian industrial integration plan, they say is to improve the defence establishment's technological base without massive state investment.

China recently announced that its newly-created national defence university would train senior officers in modern warfare.

Britons are only 10 days from Pole

By Gregory Neale

The three Britons attempting to walk to the South Pole are thought to be 10 days from their goal, while an audacious plan to bring them back is about to go into action.

The three men, Robert Swan, aged 28, from Durham, Roger Mear, aged 35, from Birmingham, and Gareth Wood, aged 33, who was born in Edinburgh but now lives in Canada, are retracing the steps of Captain Scott's ill-fated expedition of 1910-1912.

They have hauled their equipment and provisions on sledges from their base at Cape Evans, at the edge of the continent, across the Ross ice shelf, via the Beardmore glacier and across the polar plateau on their way to the pole, a journey of about 883 miles.

The men do not have provisions for the return journey from the Pole, where there is a small, permanently inhabited US research base. The expedition's organizers, who have refused outside assistance, have therefore taken a converted Cessna 185 light aircraft by ship to Cape Evans, and plan to fly the men out, one or two at a time.

It is believed to be the first time that a single-engine flight to the South Pole has been attempted.

The expedition's coordinator, Mr. Richard Down, said in London yesterday: "It has been suggested in some of the



The British team: (left to right) Robert Swan, Roger Mear and Gareth Wood.

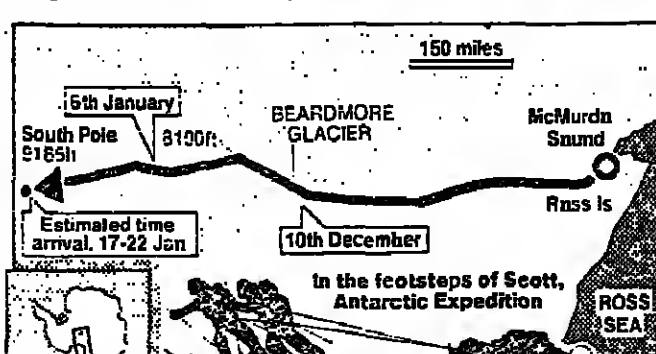
overseas press that we would resort to the Americans to help get the men back from the South Pole. That has never been part of our plans. The use of the Cessna has been carefully thought out, and represents the expedition's solution to maintaining its independence and integrity."

He added: "We have always regarded it necessary to show we can conduct the entire expedition without any outside assistance, except in emergency."

If the expedition had followed the example of Captain Scott, and attempted a trek to the pole and back, supported by extra men and caches of supplies established along the way, it would have cost an estimated £4 million, Mr. Down said.

The Cessna has had modified fuel tanks, skis and survival equipment fitted for its 1,780-mile round trip. It was then dismantled and loaded on board the expedition's support ship, the Southern Quest, which is due to arrive at Cape Evans on Thursday.

On the men's return to Cape



Today's estimated position of the party. There has been no actual sighting since December 10.

Evans they will sail in the Southern Quest to New Zealand, and then return to Britain.

At the weekend, the expedition, which has not been sighted since December 10, was estimated to be close to the position the explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton reached on January 7, 1909, before being forced to turn back.

Captain Scott reached the pole on January 17, 1912, to find that the Norwegian explorer Amundsen and his

expedition had beaten them. Downcast, and amid steadily worsening weather, Scott's party retraced their journey. Supplies ran out.

Petty Officer Edgar Evans died after a fall. Captain Lawrence Oates, crippled by frostbite, sacrificed himself.

Finally, in the late March, 1912, Scott and his surviving colleagues, Dr. Edward Wilson and Lieutenant Henry Bowers died in their tent, marooned in another blizzard, just 11 miles from a supply cache.

Bid to heal Cambodia rift by US Democrat

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

A leading American Congressman is trying to heal divisions in the largest of the anti-communist factions in the Cambodian resistance by meeting Mr. Son Sann, reportedly ousted as President of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), and leaders of the rebel group which appears to have deposed him.

Mr. Stephen Solarz, a New York Democrat and chairman of the House of Representatives sub-committee on Asia and the Pacific, will also discuss with them the distribution of \$5 million (£3.3 million) aid available for the KPNLF and for Prince Sihanouk's national army.

Although the KPNLF rebels appear to be in charge of military and civilian affairs at their encampments near the Thai-Cambodian border, Mr. Son Sann told *The Times* that he still had the support of friendly foreign governments, particularly the United States. China and those in the Association of South East Asian Nations.

He claimed that the majority of Cambodians in camps along the border also supported him but he said they had been given no chance to express their views. The leaders of the rebels, General Sak Sutsakhan and General Dain Del, had established an illegal group to control the KPNLF.

Another Peking visitor upsets Hong Kong

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

Another visit to Hong Kong by a high-ranking Chinese official has caused acrimony. It was the second time in a month that Chinese visitor had caused upset. This time it was Mr. Lu Ping, Secretary General of the Chinese Government Office for Hong Kong and Macao affairs.

On arrival here at the weekend, Mr. Lu gave a warning that the Hong Kong Government's present measures for electoral and political reform could turn into a "melée".

This follows remarks by other senior Chinese officials concerned with Hong Kong to the effect that Britain has no business sanctioning the introduction of a democratically elected legislature before China has drafted the "basic law" or mini-constitution, which will apply to the territory when it reverts to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

Mr. Lu was quoted officially as saying that he would remain in Hong Kong for about a month, to gather the views of local people concerning the basic law, whose elaboration

was agreed in the 1984 Sino-British agreement on the future of the colony.

The basic law drafting committee sits in Peking, and contains only a small proportion of Hong Kong citizens, the rest being officials and notables from China.

There was considerable dissatisfaction here recently when Mr. Pengfen, head of the Hong Kong and Macao Office, gave a press conference at which he answered only a few written questions supplied two days in advance, and refused to answer any supplementary questions.

The Hong Kong Journalists' Association demanded that in future Chinese officials speaking to the press here should do so in a more spontaneous manner.

Mr. Lu said his mission here was to listen but not talk. This may, in the opinion of observers, give grounds for optimism that the Chinese Government has been embarrassed by the hostile response to Mr. Lu's press conference.

Strike brings Dhaka to a halt

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

At least 50 people, including a dozen policemen, were injured yesterday as angry mobs set buses on fire and threw stones during a dawn-to-noon general strike called by opposition parties protesting for the lifting of martial law.

A British High Commission minibus was set ablaze at Dhaka University and a car carrying a government minister was stoned as it sped past pickets, police said.

The city was paralysed as public transport stopped running, train and river services were disrupted and all flights were cancelled. Shops and banks closed and all educational institutions shut in response to the strike call by the opposition alliances and the Jamaat-E-Islami.

Police arrested more than 600 people including a large number of street "urchins" from the city late on Saturday night in an attempt to curb picketing. Opposition sources said, about 12 others were arrested yesterday as truckloads of riot police patrolled the city.

The strike was the first show of strength by the opposition after President Ershad lifted a 10-month ban on open politics on New Year's Day. On Saturday, General Ershad appealed to people to ignore the strike call, promising early elections.

The land of a million millionaires

Washington (AP) - Being rich is no longer a one-in-a-million occurrence in the United States.

In fact, by the end of this year, one American household in 100 will have a net worth of \$1 million or more, according to *US News & World Report* - a total of a million millionaires.

Citing information from market researchers, the magazine said the route to riches is more likely to be that of an entrepreneur than of a professional. The typical US millionaire is a white male in his early 60s, still married to his first wife and with a business catering to the ordinary needs of his neighbours, it reported.

"The real way people make money is... hard work for 30 years, six days a week," said Professor Thomas Stanley, of the marketing department of Georgia State University who has been watching millionaires for more than a decade.

Nor does fortune always go with fame. Entertainers, athletes, writers and the like make up less than 1 per cent of the millionaire population. Eighty per cent of the elite group did not inherit their wealth, but came from middle or working-class backgrounds.

Many millionaires do not see themselves as rich. The highest concentration of millionaires is found in Florida, where 19 out of 1,000 are in that category.

13 Indian parties agree to work for federalism

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

Thirteen non-Communist opposition parties with nearly 60 members among them in the Lok Sabha, India's Lower House, have decided to "forge a forum" to work for "true federalism". They have taken exception to regional parties being dubbed "anti-national" by Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister.

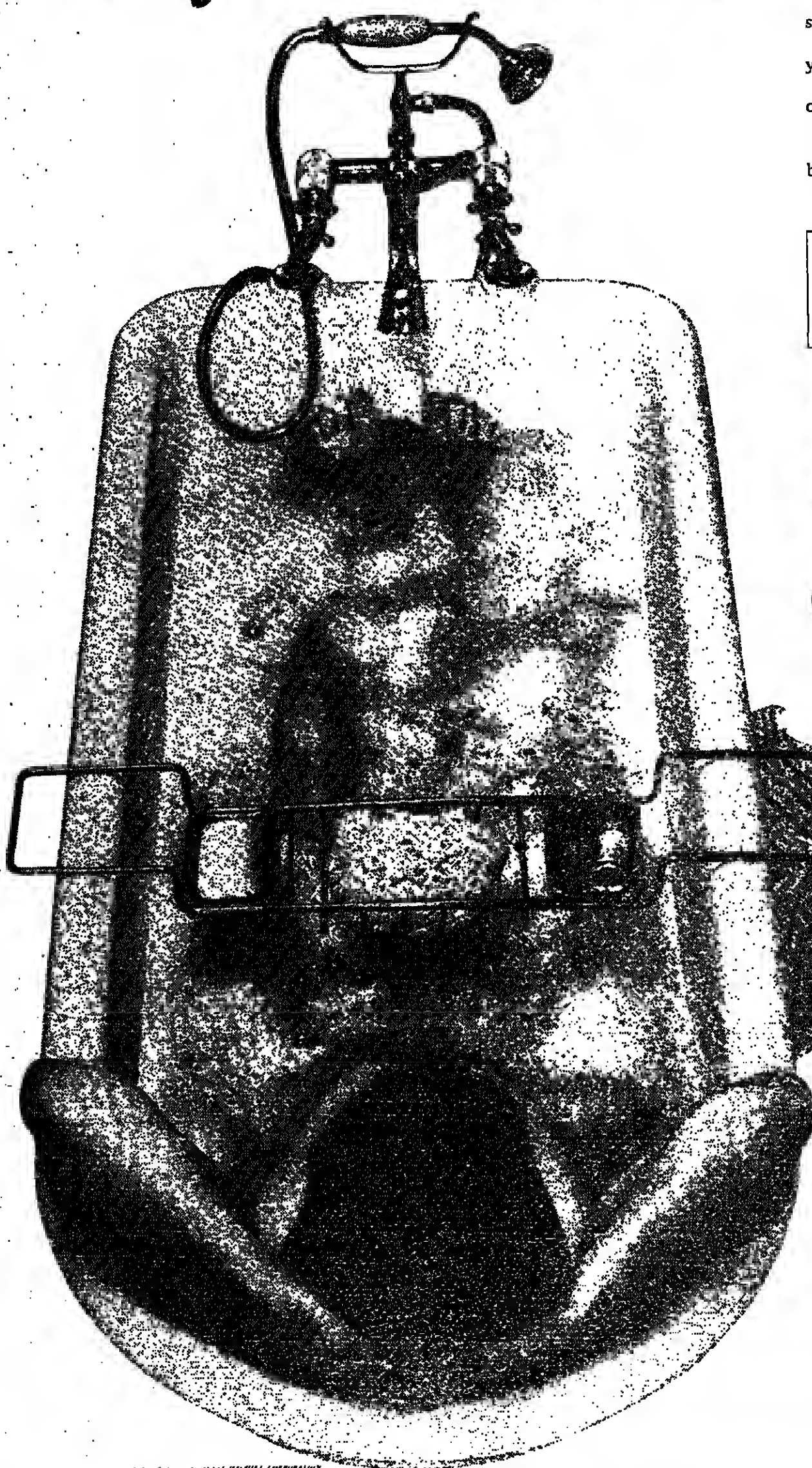
The forum idea has yet to be given a shape, name and headquarters, a more immediate outcome is the decision "to coordinate the efforts, both inside the legislature and outside".

The initiative has come from Mr. N. T. Rama Rao, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, a

southern state where Congress (I) was routed in the last elections. He has been advocating the formation of Bharat Desam (Indian Country) since his win at the state polls.

Two chief ministers who responded to Mr. Rao's invitation to the meeting in Hyderabad are Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde of Karnataka, who represents the Janata party, and Mr. Surjit Singh Barnala of the Punjab, who belongs to the Sikh Akali Dal. The Asom Gana Parishad, which has just formed a government in Assam, was represented by Mr. Dinesh Goswami, the party's Lok Sabha member.

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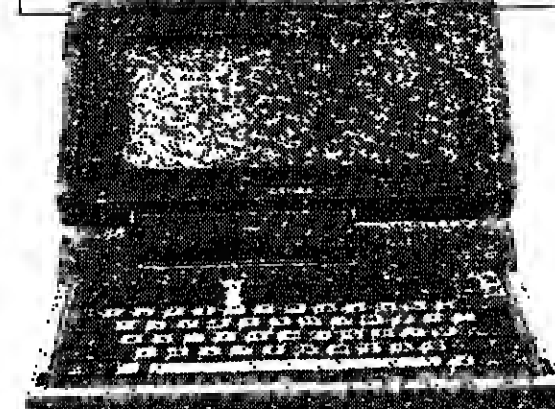
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A disaster that drove a city mad

Two earthquakes shook Mexico City last year, killing thousands. Three months later the survivors still feel the mental shock waves



Ruined streets, shattered lives: Mexico City after the September earthquake, and miracle baby Gerardo Cervantes Perez. His mother is third from right.

Mexico City's two recent earthquakes flattened buildings and killed thousands but it is now becoming clear that they also triggered suicides, provoked madness and shattered minds.

Jumpy, insomnia, depression, psychosomatic illness are among the milder symptoms now widespread among an 18-million population no longer able to ignore the seismicological fact that they live under the shadow of catastrophe.

More or less everyone seems to suffer from what has become known as the "Phantom Quake" phenomenon: the illusion that the ground is moving under their feet. Countless cases have been recorded of people fleeing buildings in panic, convinced another earthquake has struck.

A psychologist cited the case of a seven-year-old boy who, since the second earthquake on September 20, has refused to take off his clothes. He wants to be prepared to run when the next earthquake hits.

The boy is one of the hundreds of thousands who have been left without a home, often without close relatives. A parentless nine-year-old called Carlos lost his only brother in the earthquakes. Ever since, he has not said a word, the only relief to his grief being to bash his head against a wall

every time he hears an ambulance siren.

In the crowded government shelters set up for the homeless, it is common for one child to wake up screaming in the middle of the night, setting off pandemonium among all the rest.

In one shelter, housing 120, the utterly implausible notion circulated that a rattlesnake was in their midst, again causing collective panic.

A seven-year-old boy won't undress. He wants to be ready to run

A stranger phenomenon has been the apparent normality with which many people have reacted to abominable loss. A 19-year-old youth called Jaime heard his mother and younger sister scream for help from under the rubble of their home, then saw a loose wall collapse, killing them both. Since then he has worked energetically as a volunteer among the homeless, being noted for an extraordinary cheerfulness which one doctor described as "euphoria".

Jaime refuses to believe that his relatives were killed. A type of

negation that psychologists have found in many others.

"These people say they don't need therapy but they're the ones who need it most", says a woman psychologist working with the homeless. "One day, when they can no longer repress their anguish, the effect on their minds will be devastating."

The rule does not perhaps apply in all cases. Juana Cervantes Perez, aged 19, is the mother of one of the 40 or so "miracle" babies who were buried under the earthquake rubble and survived. Juana and her baby, born just hours before the disaster, were trapped under the ruins of the Joazez Hospital for more than 24 hours. Today the baby, like most of the others, is in perfect health. So is the mother who, in a recent conversation, was a picture of sweet cheerfulness, beaming broadly - in contrast to her nervous mother - when asked to recount what it had been like to be trapped in the eighth floor of a crumpled 12-storey building.

Dr Jose Remus, an eminent Mexican psychoanalyst, believes Juana's behaviour may be perfectly normal, that all trauma may already have been washed out of her system.

Dr Remus is leading a 30-strong team of psychologists in an investigation into those who were buried by

the earthquakes and survived - the "Lazarus Syndrome" as he puts it.

Those found to have reacted best had been able to share the struggle to survive, be it with their baby, their wife or, as in one case, their cat.

"But on those whose friends or relatives died next to them the effects have been terrible", Dr Remus says. He and his team have studied minutely the cases of 20 of the

Those who reacted best had been able to share the struggle to live

estimated 1,300 trapped survivors. Some of the psychologists in the team have been so pained by what they have seen they have had to leave the programme. Dr Remus himself says that after every one of the weekly meetings, when the team compares notes, he has nightmares.

"We are dealing with people who are moment by moment completely normal lives, like you and me, and the next moment their universe collapsed all around them", he says.

One of the most harrowing cases is that of a mother left to care for two

young children having lost her husband, a daughter and both legs. Of the 100 who lost limbs, some have reacted with a great rage against the world which psychologists have suggested is born of a feeling of injustice. "Why me?", many ask. Cases have been reported of people who once fervently believed in God and have now abandoned their faith. Similarly, some people who did not believe, now do.

Some people, trapped for days, never abandoned hope that they would be rescued. Others, claustrophobic and despairing, tried to kill themselves. A night-club dancer who lost a leg committed suicide in hospital. Others, having tried and failed, shout: "Kill me! Kill me! Kill me!" to hospital staff.

Ironically, many of the volunteer rescue workers who performed so heroically in the days after the earthquakes have since been among the worst affected mentally. Most of them were ordinary people, many students, who worked so feverishly they never stopped to ponder the awfulness of their task. A young psychologist assigned the task of putting corpses into bags later had to be consigned to a psychiatric hospital.

John Carlin

The Pinball Wizard hits middle age

Roger Daltrey talks about the blacker side of Band Aid, his new television role and a possible return of The Who

A sense of dread fills Roger Daltrey at the mention of Band Aid's highly successful re-release of "Do They Know It's Christmas?" It was "an horrendous single", he said. "They should start a new fund: 'We won't play the record if you donate twice as much as the single costs', followed by a three-minute silence."

Compared with The Who in performance - one remembers former lead singer Daltrey's twirling microphone, now emulated by talent show singers, and their finale of smashed guitars and drum-kit - last summer's Live Aid transatlantic television rock show was an insipid mish-mash.

"They played all the right notes but where was the soul, the passion, the danger? It was all packaged like ice-cream. At least with The Who you thought those guys might fail. There was no *abandon*."

While he admires Band Aid founder Bob Geldof's dynamism in trying to tackle the massive problem of Third World starvation, a memory nags. "It really made me cringe - I'm not knocking Geldof - when he returned from Ethiopia and went on *Wogan* and asked viewers to send toys for these children. That is the worst way to see that system - you can't eat toys."

Daltrey fears that the laudable purpose of Band Aid to save lives could also be the vehicle of a new form of colonialism. Thinking of the Ethiopians he said: "We mustn't inflict our values on them. It's very important within their society to have lots of kids. Their kids keep them when they get old, whereas in Britain we try to forget our parents when they get old."

"The Ethiopians have their 12 kids and society is used to some of them dying. This doesn't make it better, and emotionally it doesn't make it any easier to live with either, but it worries me when we go over there and say 'You can't let those other kids die'. You could end up saving five million people today to give 20 million the same sort of problem in 10 years' time... These are grey areas I'm not happy with."

Ex cathedra remarks of the old guard on the follies of the new have tended to be made by the likes of ripe politicians, novelists and actors. Now we can add rock stars, who today prefer longevity to the timeless youth of untimely death. Since the break-up of The Who in 1982, Daltrey has diversified into areas of stage and screen.

One example of this comes on our screens on BBC 1 today in *Buddy*, a new five-part series by Nigel Hinton. Daltrey plays the part of Terry, a middle-aged Teddy Boy, who is the sort of cultural relic found at the fairground rifle-range, dressed in drainpipe trousers, draped jacket, crepe-soled shoes and fluorescent green socks - a rather different role from Daltrey's television Shakespeare debut three years ago in *The Comedy of Errors*.

Daltrey, 41, admits that acting remains a challenging alternative to his major occupation, music. He has just completed a rock tour of America - "first time solo" - which included a successful charity concert at Madison Square Garden. "It was great getting back on stage. After 10 minutes it was wonderful. I had to lay the ghost of The Who. The crowd started off screaming 'Who, Who, Who' but by the end of the night they weren't."

"The Who had a particularly strong male following, most of whom you would have had to bang about the head with a plank before they understood much. This time it was nice to have an audience of more than 30 per cent women; women are more sensitive, they feel more. Towards the end The Who were so loud that all you could hear was a roar: this time it was nice to hear what everyone was playing and being inspired by it."

This year may see the

renaissance of The Who. Daltrey says it is really up to Pete Townshend, who wrote most of The Who's songs. "If he wants to do it, and I think there's something artistically valid about the project. The Who will get back together immediately - though not as the same band."

"Pete is going to write an album for me in 1986... he's in a transitional period. He cut away a relationship from The Who when in fact he was surrounded by people who made things work. He's thrown that away at the moment."

"If Townshend can get to grips with who he is... the seeds of genius are still coming out of him. It's just that when you're surrounded by a load of yes-men, nothing becomes fertile."

Townshend still regards Daltrey as the best interpreter of his work. "He seems to write what I lived, that's what's so strange" adds Daltrey.

Daltrey lives in a large country estate in Heathfield, East Sussex, with his second wife Heather and children. His trout farm ("It works out an average of 2.5 fish per rod - that's how you do trout reports") and television advertisements for American Express, featuring a Roger Daltrey in wellies set against an *Emerald Farm* look-alike to his new "country squire" image.

"I'm a working guy", he replies. "I haven't a particularly large house: it has six



Rock and roll: Daltrey in *Buddy*

bedrooms. Living in the country is being part of a community. My farm is run by people who love to do it. It survives because we all work together. If people say I shouldn't advertise in *American Express*, I'll still do it. Doing the ad paid the rent for the year after The Who broke up."

The need to escape - these days to Heathfield - was evident during Daltrey's boyhood in Shepherd's Bush. "When I was four I used to run away to the bomb site up the road which was then the 'country'. I've a restless soul."

Away from the skylarks, hriar and bramble, Daltrey's mind returns to the troubled state of contemporary pop and rock music which he regards as whimsical, sexually as well as politically. Alignment of certain rock individuals with political parties upsets him. "A political song should not be aligned. Townshend's songs were great because he looked in from outside."

Nor is Daltrey impressed by the way rock music is presented by the media. He feels Channel 4's *The Tube* is a mess. "There's a feeling of them and us between the groups and the audience. This is one of the few shows that's got a chance to do something really creative with rock, and really it's no better than *Top of the Pops*, which won't show an act for more than three minutes and shows only clips from videos, bits and pieces. What's it all about?"

Daltrey hopes soon to begin filming the much-publicized *Kary Brothers* story once the screenplay has been perfected. Meanwhile it is essential he returns to music, touring because "I'm in great danger of becoming this personality who does nothing but answer boring questions."

Victor Oliver

Anniversaries
In the Anniversaries of the Year (Spectrum, Jan 3) the pictures of Davy Crockett and Maxim Gorky were captioned wrongly.

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Neolithic tales from the river bank

FINDINGS

An occasional series on research: PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY

Amateur archaeology is flourishing in East Anglia: a group based in Havertill which celebrates 10 years of operations this winter has managed to occupy itself fully without much digging. In a recent *Current Archaeology*, Brian Charge of the Havertill and District Archaeological Group, explains how his organization, with around 30 members, carved out a "territory" of 27 parishes spanning the borders of Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire.

The group has carried out numerous fieldwalking expeditions across arable land to recover surface artefacts from sites located by examining cropmarks, and surveyed earthworks, including pits and deserted medieval villages. One of its most successful projects has been the intensive coverage of a neolithic camp reached by a causeway at Kedington, Suffolk. This early promontory enclosure on the River Stour, probably a fortified village, consisted of a head in the river cut off by a line of ditches, the earth from which was used as a rampart (probably with a wooden palisade, if other such sites are anything to go by).

The whole site was gridded, and careful fieldwalking and collecting of flints uncovered more than 2,000 specimens. Most were neolithic, the others from the earlier mesolithic, more than 6,000 years ago, and the bulk were made from river cobbles.

Their distribution showed that the major area of flint-

working lay outside the causewayed enclosure along the edge of the river.

The group has been successful in its diplomacy as well as its archaeology: its work on a medieval enclosure slated for ploughing and levelling at Cavendish in Suffolk fascinated the landowner so much that he decided to preserve the eight-acre site.

Canoe cookery the hard way

Recycling is not a modern phenomenon: Irish archaeologists recently uncovered a dugout canoe, made from a hollowed tree trunk, which had been turned into a cooking trough.

Along the course of a dried-up stream at Currigharra, near Cashel in Co Tipperary, a series of burnt mounds have been found. Known as fahach fada, they consist of piles of stones heated in a fire, then dropped into a trough of water to bring it to the boil. This would have taken between 30 minutes and an hour.

The meat, perhaps venison or beef, would then be wrapped in

straw and cooked. It was an unwieldy way to get dinner, but Victor Buckley, of the Archaeological Survey of Ireland, suggests that some of the streamside cookpots were ritual feasts.

The canoe, which was split and reassembled with tree trunks as ends, was dated to nearly 1200BC. This fits well with the Middle Bronze Age dates for burnt mound sites in England and Scotland, as well as in all but one Irish county. Although only part of the canoe was used, the trough still held over 200 gallons of water, so it can not have boiled for very long.

Soldier blues on Salisbury Plain

Many prime archaeological monuments have long been out of reach of modern science because they lie on army training areas in Salisbury Plain. Over 90,000 acres are affected. Half of this comprises 35 per cent of the total chalk grassland remaining in Britain. Nearly 400 scheduled Ancient Monuments are there.

A recent report shows that, while military use has kept the

area from being damaged by ploughing, it has also led to erosion: tanks driving over Bronze Age barrows and trench-digging in ramparts of Iron Age forts have resulted in 102 cases of "significant change of condition" in the scheduled monuments.

The extent of the damage has been assessed by ground visits and aerial photography: the Romano-British settlement at Chisenbury Warren is regularly crossed by military lorries and occasionally tanks, in spite of being marked by "antiquity stars" to warn the army.

At Salisbury camp, a gigantic hillfort protected by barbed wire, vertically-mounted railway sleepers and an out-of-bounds classification, a unit deploying Milan anti-tank missiles dug trenches into the ramparts and entrance defences in 1983.

The unscheduled sites, unnoticed to the army, have suffered even more: while 55 per cent of Bronze Age round barrows in the Salisbury Plain training area are legally protected (for what that is worth), only two per cent of ancient field systems are scheduled.

A working party has been set up as a result of the crisis which will report to the Ministry of Defence and to English Heritage. The army is willing to cooperate, and many "an digging" signs have been erected already to deter modern warriors from wrecking the defences of their prehistoric ancestors.

Norman Hammond

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My husband first and last

At a time when many women are seeking financial independence, some have sacrificed their own ambitions to boost their husbands' careers.

Sally Brompton talks to three dedicated wives

When Judy Ridley met her husband, Nicholas, he was Tory MP for Cirencester and secretary to the Belgian ambassador in London.

She gave up her job in time for their wedding, just two months before the 1979 general election, after which Nicholas became a Foreign Office minister. He was 30, she was 34. "Giving up my career was a difficult decision," she admits, "but my priority was very much to support my husband and to be available when he wanted me to help him."

Judy, the daughter of a Surrey doctor, had been working in London for 10 years, carving her way up the organizational ladder until Belgian ambassador Robert Vass invited her to join him. At the Belgian embassy she was in overall charge of the household as well as organizing all the ambassador's official and personal entertaining.

"I loved my job but it was terribly time-consuming," she says. "It was a wrench to give it up but I'm quite a perfectionist and I realized that I couldn't do both jobs properly."

"The trouble with being an MP's or minister's wife is that you have to be flexible. Suddenly there's a reception or a lunch which your husband wants you to attend or when Nicholas was in the Foreign Office - a trip abroad he wanted me to go on, and it would have been a great shame not to have been able to do so."

"Nicholas works so immensely hard - from six in the morning to midnight every day, and he's on duty 365 days of the year - and I think it's terribly important for him to have a very strong back-up in order for things to run smoothly."

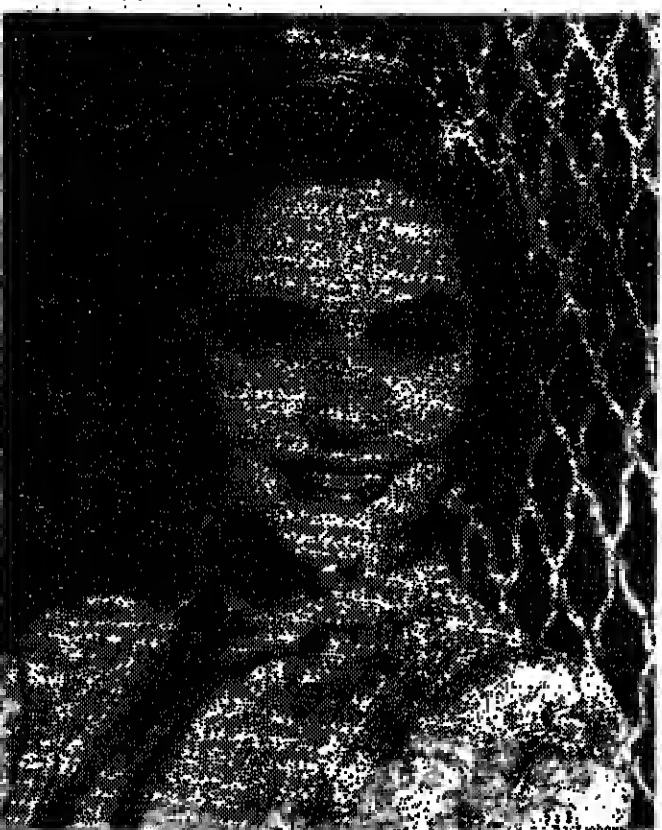
"Also, I think in a marriage it's frightfully important for both people not to be tired at the same time. If you're tired, you can't cope. When Nicholas comes home absolutely exhausted I make sure that I'm in good form and everything's organized and life is comfortable."

Now that her husband is in the Cabinet, as Secretary of State for Transport, Judy Ridley's life is almost as busy as it was when she was pursuing her own career. Apart from the official functions which she has to organize and attend, she is very involved with Nicholas's constituency work, answering letters and accompanying him whenever possible, as well as running two homes - in London and Gloucestershire.

"I think, in politics, a wife can help enormously," she says, "not as a person on her own but



Yes minister: Judy Ridley with husband, Nicholas



New role: former actress Dorothy Hyson in 1944

as a support. Besides, it's much more interesting for me to be involved in his job as I can be. "I definitely don't feel I'm missing out on anything, although I think I probably would have kept working if I'd married someone like a stockbroker with a nine-to-five job. But I think with my husband's job I'd never have seen him at all if I'd been busy doing a job, too."

"We don't have lovely long

Linda Taylor had wanted to be a probation officer for as long as she could remember. She worked for a degree in social science and underwent rigorous training in order to qualify for this demanding profession. Aged 23, filled with enthusiasm, she started work as a probation officer in Norfolk.

A year later, the probation service lost one of its most dedicated members when Linda Taylor married. Her husband, John, had just completed his ordination training and six weeks later he was ordained into the Anglican Church. Linda became a curate's wife.

"I worked, literally, to support my husband," she admits. "Everything was going on around us and it was all I could do, quite honestly, to keep John on his feet. I've been saying that ever since."

John Taylor, after 30 years in the Church, is now Bishop of St Albans. With each promotion, his wife has been there at his

side, offering encouragement, help and total commitment.

"Basically, I've always been well aware that my husband's home has been his office," she says. "Besides, what is marriage apart from a total sharing and total supporting role? Why do I need independence? This is my life."

It can hardly be described as cushy. She and John share a 16-hour working day which starts with prayers at 6.45am. Their current home, in two and a half acres of grounds, is a vast 16-room mansion which includes six bathrooms, an office, a chapel and an enormous cellar.

Linda runs it alone apart from just a few hours of domestic help a week. She and her husband share his official driving and at weekends she works as his secretary, too.

"If I was going out to work, John would probably have to have a chauffeur and we would need far more help in the house. I find myself spending most of



No regrets: Linda Taylor with her husband, John

Anthony Quayle decided to marry Dorothy Hyson the moment he saw her laughing by the stage door of the Old Vic in the early part of 1939. She was playing *Titania in A Midsummer Night's Dream*, he was rehearsing his *Henry V*.

When they married eight years later, she was the star, one of Britain's most famous romantic actresses. He, however, had just been invited to take over the Shakespearean theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon, to direct, act and transform it into an international attraction. "It was three jobs in one, really," recalls his wife, "and he wanted a lot of back-up. I knew I had to make some sort of decision."

She had just finished starring in Cecil Beaton's lavish and highly successful post-war production of *Lady Windermere's Fan* and was in great demand as a romantic lead both in films and on the stage. "I dare say I could have done all sorts of things," she says.

Instead, at the age of 30, she gave up her career completely and threw herself into supporting her husband.

"For the first three years we were more or less on our own. We had to alter the theatre, build a restaurant and start making money." She was involved with everything, from designing the restaurant to helping with the casting. She went talent-spotting around the other theatres for the following year's performers and discovered such likely youngsters as Robert Shaw and Barbara Jefford.

"I think Tony was quite glad, quite happy that I gave up my career," she recalls. "He was so busy he couldn't have coped

with my going off worrying about myself."

"There's a very split division of activity if a director's wife is also busy in the theatre. Very few directors have successful marriages."

"We've got three children and four grandchildren and we all share a house in the Cotswolds and have wonderful happy times together. I don't think our quality of life would have been the same if I had gone on acting."

Today, she is still closely involved with Sir Anthony's work. She is on the board of his recently-formed production company, regularly goes into the office to help out and even accompanies the company on tour - "to places I like. Tony's busier than he's ever been - I look at him in amazement. I think I get a bigger kick out of his success than I ever would

the year putting stuff in the freezer."

Then there is the entertaining - the canons' tea parties, the newcomers' lunches, the evening meetings of the rural deans, the Saturday workshops for clergy wives and deaconesses, the deanery groups, the annual diocesan staff drinks parties... and that is without the regulation socializing with other dignitaries such as visiting circuit judges and local MPs, not to mention the "constant stream of folk popping in and out."

Linda, who has three grown-up children, has always been closely involved with her husband's parish work. "I was quite happy to try to bring a bit of expertise to bear in a voluntary capacity," she says.

"Now I go with my husband when he visits the parishes every Sunday morning and evening and have a good old yarn with the clergymen's wives."

She has no regrets about sacrificing her own career. "I don't feel I've missed out on anything and I'm sure John and I are closer than we would otherwise have been. I may be being fooled by all this but I certainly don't feel unfulfilled and I have an enormous amount of freedom and choice within my own day as to what I do or don't do."

"I may find life very very difficult if I'm widowed and suddenly think, 'Good heavens, what have I never been up to now?' But it's very easy for couples to end up living parallel lives within their marriages."

"I just felt it was right to be giving John total support and working alongside him within the parish setting."

"Sometimes I feel about 80, but life is really quite encouraging in some respects."

out of my own. Just knowing I've contributed to something gives me a thrill."

"Tony's a very, very strong man in every way but I think he needs that kind of support. On the whole, I think that busy and talented men need a woman behind them and without that support their career can really be harmed."

"Occasionally people have asked me to play various parts over the years but I've always thought, 'No - I'm not going to confuse the issue.' And I think in my case, I was right because I'm not very good at splitting my concentration."

"Sometimes I see a part which makes me think, 'My word, I think I could have done quite well in that. I think I would have enjoyed playing that.' But apart from that I have no regrets at all."

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Profit and loss in the marriage stakes

I once saw a magazine illustration of the dual-career couple's ideal bedroom: it had a queen-size bed and his and her computers on the bedside tables.

I have often since wondered how such a partnership would spend its most intimate moments and now I know - it engages in "win-win negotiations", as set out in a new "upbeat guide to joint decision making" aimed at "college-educated, two-career mates with a trusting relationship and large income who find no problem in talking about marriage in the language of business."

I do not know any such twosomes myself, although I have a friend who keeps her Christmas card list stored in her word processor. But she certainly doesn't qualify in the trusting relationship stakes, as every time she sees her husband establish eye-contact with another woman, she glides over and flicks a non-existent flake of dandruff from his collar.

Nor, if things got rough, do I see her taking him out for a final executive lunch and saying in her best management-director manner, "This is hard for me to say, but I'm afraid I'm going to have to let you go." I think she would beat the hell out of him with the meat-tenderizing mallet.

As for me, I am definitely out of the catchment area. Not only would I never be able to talk about marriage in the language of business, I can't even talk about business in the language of business and am always absentmindedly signing my name on office memos together with a scrawled "love and kisses".

Win-win negotiations include setting "mutual risk thresholds", which I suppose is business-speak for one person promising to wipe the ring around the bath on exiting from it, if the other refrains from snatching up the Vim and a damp cloth and attacking the fingerplates every time somebody touches a door.

Alas, a home is not an office and I can't see such an arrangement working, on account of human frailty and built-in forgetfulness. At work, even the most slovenly person is kept up to scratch by a back-up system of filing-clerks and typewriter-repair men, office cleaners and disposable paper cups. And even the most fanatical of domestic perfectionists can hardly sit at her desk, dusting every single card in her index box, for fear of unpleasant stories reaching the personnel office.

Office conditions can rarely be simulated in the comfort of one's own home, however high-



PENNY PERRICK

technically it may be furnished. I mean, if you splash grease all over the microwave, armies of workers aren't going to arrive and wipe it off, even if you are somebody quite important.

I do not think I could ever have entered into win-win situations with a man. I was once married to, who liked the sound of music to the extent of raising the roof with it, while my ideal ambience resembles a Trappist monastery. We could have negotiated ourselves into a position whereby he decamped with his ghetto-blasters into a soundproof room, but that would have meant that he would not have heard yells for help at times when the doorbell rang as I was applying my Sunset Auburn semi-permanent hair-colouring.

The fact that opposites attract can be perfectly win-win in business partnerships - the flamboyant man of ideas allied to the steady influence who does the accounting, for instance - but can be very lose-lose when it comes to marriage.

Hoarders always fetch up with people who whisk today's newspaper into the dustbin by 11am. The unpunctual form funding relationships with those who think that the time stated on an invitation indicates that you are meant to arrive 15 minutes before. These are problems without solutions, short of death or divorce.

Offered little comfort by win-win theories, I turned for true sagacity to Peter Timmiswood's latest novel *Call It A Canary* and, as I had hoped, turned up some universal truths. Such as "Men and women are totally incompatible, so the only way they can survive is by living with each other." Or "...when a man and a woman fall out, there's always faults on both sides. And it's always the man that's to blame."

"Win-Win Negotiations for Couples by Charlotte Whitney (Para Research, \$12.95) 'Call It A Canary' (Macmillan, £8.95)

Schizophrenia - the shame and despair

From Richard Forrest, Havelock Rise, Luton, Bedfordshire

Your series of articles on schizophrenia (*Spectrum*, Dec 16, 17, 18) came at a bad time of the year for me. My wife suffered from this appalling illness. She killed herself two years ago on December 17.

Your account of the horrors suffered by the families of victims of the disease left me amazed at the capacity for suffering these people must have. In my case, the period between the onset of the breakdown and my wife's suicide was less than three months. When I remember what I endured during that brief period, and consider that some human beings may have to endure the same for years on end, I feel a sense both of shame, and helplessness.

The shame comes from the feeling that, though I want to be able to help, I cannot face the thought of confronting in someone else that depth of desolation and despair I arrived at during this period. The helplessness comes from my own attempts to help my wife come to terms with her illness. I fear that nothing I did or could have done had any effect other than to drive her deeper into her emotional trap.

In the space of a few weeks, I watched a warm, highly intelligent, deeply religious young woman whom I loved more than anyone else change to a cynical, manipulative, brutal and unfeeling stranger. I could cope with her hearing voices, getting messages from the radio and television and being watched day and night by people

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using special cameras. But to see a stranger looking at me out of my wife's eyes, and realizing that I could not know if her protestations that she loved me were true or a sham designed to manipulate me was almost beyond enduring. Had I not had the responsibility of care for my young children, I believe that I would by now have taken my life, as she did.

The onset of my wife's illness was very sudden, but I was able to obtain psychiatric help fairly quickly. Schizophrenia was diagnosed only in the week before she died. Looking back at the events, I can see a reluctance on the part of the medical staff either to talk to me of the possibility of schizophrenia, or apparently to face it themselves.

I can well understand this reluctance. In my wife's case, there would have been no way of distinguishing between a cure, and a convincing imitation of normal behaviour. Certainly she could pass herself off as completely normal. In particular she convinced several of her friends that any peculiarities in her behaviour were due to my bad treatment of her. One actually accused me of driving her to suicide. Following a half-hour interview with my wife, one psychiatrist suggested that I needed psychiatric treatment rather than her, as my behaviour was causing her problems. As I was being told this, my wife made her first suicide attempt. It was following this event that

schizophrenia was first mentioned as a possibility.

This uncertainty must be a great problem for doctors. In the case of schizophrenia, it seems impossible to judge success. This cannot help either in maintaining a commitment to study the disease, or in treating it.

After the immediate shock of my wife's death, one of my strongest reactions was a feeling of relief. My normal process of grieving has been complicated by the emotional hammering I suffered during her illness, and my memories of her are distorted by the images of the creature she became. Feeling guilt about this sense of relief has been part of my problem. Your articles have helped me by illustrating that my worst fears of what could have happened had she not died were justified, and that the effect this would have had on the children was potentially far worse than that of losing their mother.

More than anything else, I wish she could have been cured, and that I could be with her again as she was before her illness. I believe this is the only way in which the wounds inflicted on me by her illness can fully be cured. This is now impossible in this life.

From Anthony Clare, Professor of Psychological Medicine, St Bartholomew's Hospital, Medical College

To judge from some of the moving personal case histories contained in the three impressive articles on schizophrenia, the idea is widespread that a

seriously mentally ill patient can be compulsorily detained and treated only if it is deemed necessary for the health and safety of the patient or for the protection of others.

In fact, the 1983 Act, like its predecessor, the Mental Health Act 1959, makes it plain that a mentally ill patient may be detained if it is deemed necessary for the health or safety of the patient. In making no change, Parliament resisted immense pressure to make dangerousness the key criterion.

However, as the series showed, relatives of the mentally ill find themselves increasingly unable to obtain help from psychiatrists until patients are so disordered and disorganised as to be gravely at risk to themselves and others.

While there are several admirable controls built into the 1983 Act to ensure that patients are not detained wrongly and have access to an independent appeals tribunal to ensure that when they are suffering deterioration they are actually detained and treated.

The Mental Health Act Commission is understandably vigilant in seeing that I and my professional colleagues do not overstep our legal powers but appear indifferent to the possibility that we will increasingly refrain from using them, preferring instead to indulge in a particular form of defensive medicine. Indeed, the draft Code of Practice being prepared by the Commission may well make the compulsory admission and treatment of such patients even more difficult.

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Cooking the book

Westland is not the only controversy concentrating Michael Heseltine's mind. He is also being dragged into an alleged breach of copyright by the Ministry of Defence of the hitherto unpublished memoirs of the Duke of Wellington's cook James Thornton. The original manuscript is owned by a Bernard Tomlinson, who originally offered it for publication to Nigel Hollis, the sales director of Heinemann. Heinemann declined and the original was returned. Then, without Tomlinson's knowledge, it appeared in the MOD's official journal, the *British Army Review*. The memoirs had been edited by Michael Glover, who wrote in a footnote: "I am most grateful to Messrs Nigel Hollis and Nigel Viney for making a copy of the original manuscript available to me." (Viney also worked for Heinemann, and Glover is his military historian cousin). In a two-page letter to David Steel, who has taken up the case, Heseltine denies breach of copyright, saying the MOD published in "good faith". Tomlinson, who has since found a publisher, tells me the issue is "hot" and is to seek substantial damages.

Casting couch

Read what you will into the fortunes of two of the senior Metropolitan policemen involved in the Broadwater Farm riot last October. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Mike Richards, the area commander, was the only policeman to be awarded the OBE in the New Year honours list. The equally-criticized local chief superintendent, Colin Cook, will soon be clearing his desk to Tottenham and departing to the Branshill police college in Hampshire as a student on a senior command course.

● Brace yourself for the Belgrano of 1986: today Unwin publishes *The Rainbow Warrior Affair*. Next month Gollancz brings us *Sink The Rainbow!*, followed by Hutchinson's *Rainbow Warrior: The French Attempts to Sink Greenpeace*. And yes, Penguin. *The Death of the Rainbow Warrior*.

Going spare

Shock horror at a recent party staged by the feminist magazine *Spare Rib* - a man appeared. Worse, he started to dance - solo, naturally. The demon, who was helping to organize the music for the all-female bands, was asked to leave the floor. Incensed, he is alleged to have picked up a broken bottle later in the evening and thrown it at the sisters. Happily it missed. In the current *Spare Rib*, Maria North, who was at the party, writes: "It is obvious that we need to find venues where the presence of men is not insisted upon..."

Bob's caff

Ignorant of Robert Maxwell's latest order that all phone calls to his new Manchester newspaper plant should be answered "Maxwell House", the *Mirror*'s district reporters have responded with such robust words as "I want the newsdesk, not some coffee-shop." I am told, too, that Manchester's first management meeting of the year was delayed until a senior *Mirror* lackey descended from the roof, where he had been pacing out the positions for four flagpoles from which Maxwell's eosign will be flown.

BARRY FANTONI



High road

Bill Torrance, the star British Rail uses to promote business in Scotland (the Scots weren't too keen on Jimmy Savile), is, as they say, "getting there". Only it's not by train. When Torrance is summoned in London to make railway commercials, he travels not by BR but BA. "I have to get there and back as fast as I can", he explains.

Errant heirs

It looks as if Tony Benn should have second thoughts about his idea for creating 1,000 peers who would vote to abolish the Lords. Clement Attlee created 45 hereditary peerages during his six years as Labour prime minister. In a book out today, *The Queen Has Been Pleased*, author John Walker points out that these "have hardly brought long-term benefit and advantage to the Labour party". Of the heirs of these peers, only five still take the Labour whip. Thirteen have become Conservatives, five have joined the Alliance, 10 are independents, five give themselves no description and eight have yet to make an appearance in the Lords.

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Two opposition views on the issue still plaguing the Cabinet

Westland: the third option

There is a good deal of innocent pleasure to be had from observing the struggle for the future of Westland Helicopters. There can rarely have been an occasion when political ministers disagreed so publicly or when a prime minister seemed so powerless to impose his will.

Dissension within the Cabinet has been so overt and so prolonged that it is hard to see how the two protagonists, Michael Heseltine and Leon Brittan, can both survive. The loser must surely go, and even the winner will be severely diminished. But the issue has a significance that goes well beyond its entertainment value or its consequences for ministers' careers. At stake are questions of national defence.

The government has so far denied that anything more is involved than a decision by the shareholders of a private company about the best commercial deal to offer to them. The government says officially that it has no view. It is this hands-off stance which, paradoxically, has permitted and encouraged ministers to promote their differing cases for government policy is not involved, how can Mrs Thatcher prevent her ministers from acting as brokers for one commercial interest or another? The political debate which Mrs Thatcher sought to abort,

and which should have taken place in the Cabinet room, is being conducted in the full glare of publicity.

The truth is that the survival of Westland, and who controls it, are no ordinary commercial matters. Westland is not an ordinary commercial company. It has depended on substantial orders from the armed forces, equally the national defence capability has depended heavily on Westland. Though a private company, it is an integral part of our defence procurement industry.

If Westland went out of business, passed under foreign control or became a sub-contractor to others, we should be left dependent on foreign suppliers for one of the most vital instruments of modern warfare. Without the helicopter's troop-carrying, reconnaissance and anti-tank capacity, we should be fatally ill-equipped to pursue a conventional campaign of any duration.

Heseltine is surely right to recognize this. It remains a mystery (and one that is particularly damaging to him) that the Prime Minister is apparently content to allow her Defence Secretary's judgement on a matter of national defence to be overruled by the short-term commercial interests of a group

of shareholders. So Heseltine, while arguing the wider significance of the decision, is compelled to conduct his argument in terms only of the attractiveness to the shareholders of his favoured solution. As Mrs Thatcher will not allow him to deploy his full case, it is difficult to be sure whether his enthusiasm for the European option is well-founded.

There is, to begin with, all the difference in the world between an independent British company seeking collaborative European projects in order to share basic costs and secure access to a larger market, and the option proposed by Heseltine. Under this, the company's independence would be seriously compromised by rival enterprises taking a major shareholding. Westland would be unable to manufacture helicopters in competition with its own most important shareholders, at least two of which would be nationalized concerns.

Questions remain unanswered about the proposed European collaboration. Is it simply design work that is to be shared - in which case, will Westland be expected to pick up part of the large bills already run up by the Italian firm of Agusta and the Germans? Or is manufacturing to be shared as well, and if so, why should a European consortium

which already has excess capacity contemplate manufacture in Britain when, unlike the Americans, it can do so more economically in its own countries?

If each national industry is to make just a part of the complete aircraft, would we be happy to rely on helicopters of which vital parts are being manufactured in areas of Europe that might be overrun in the event of war?

All this merits debate - and not one conducted as if the company concerned merely ran a brewery. Any such debate will fall if it does not include the most obvious and rational option. If Westland cannot be allowed to fail, and if the government must become involved (if only to rescue it from the consequences of a mistaken choice by its shareholders) then the state ought to acquire a majority shareholding.

Mrs Thatcher's refusal even to think about a national policy for the helicopter industry does not just threaten ministerial careers. Britain's defence is jeopardized.

Bryan Gould

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Victim of Service rivalries

towards helicopters in the Army has been described to me as similar to that early third century when it was asked to take an interest in tanks.

Similarly the RAF helicopter force is small and highly professional but has no senior officers of its own to speak for it and carries little "clout" in competition with fighters and strategic aircraft. It is logical to everyone, including the younger RAF helicopter crews - but unhappily not their air marshals - that battlefield helicopters should be owned and operated by one service, which ought to be the Army. This would allow the RAF to concentrate on its major role - the exercise of air power.

As the Army Air Corps operates its helicopters with significantly fewer men than the RAF, this should provide greater cost efficiency. Other benefits would be firmer direction of the Army's aviation arm in both tactical use and equipment procurement; closer integration on the battlefield between aviation and the other combat arms; and encouragement for some of our generals to think more about battlefield mobility.

Westland's future lies initially with its own management and workforce, but it also depends on sensible procurement by the MoD and intelligent planning by the armed forces. We must hope that the present crisis brings improvement in all three spheres.

Paddy Ashdown

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Hong Kong: Simon Winchester's bold plan to calm the jitters



Could the Prince inherit the planned bar now worn by Sir Charles Youde?

she could give to an otherwise understandably bored prince a role with purpose and real importance. And the Princess of Wales would have five million loyal subjects at her feet. She could practise the queenly art to her heart's content, readying herself for the day of accession and the trials of palace life.

Hong Kong, in the closing years of its dependency, needs a strong governor. The present man, Sir Edward Youde, is a scholarly figure whose precise use of the Mandarin tongue is rendered quite charming, it is said, by his lilting Welsh accent. But he is not a noticeably strong or forthright governor, and the view is growing in the colony that the crafty mainland Chinese are beginning to do with the colony more or less what they will.

That is, admittedly, only an impression - but then again Hong Kong is a place that relies very much on impressions. If the money-men believe things to be going wrong, they and their money will leave. Many have already gone. Others could swiftly follow. Confidence could evaporate, leaving only the fragment memory of good fortune.

Sir Edward, who is 62, is due to leave in about a year. A full decade will thus remain during which British governance will still be necessary - and the Foreign Office has made it clear that, whatever the Chinese may wish, a British with goose-feather plumes, white duck jacket and Wilkinson sword will

govern up to the hour of handover.

But to whom should this lustrous plum be given? One name canvassed at Government House up on the peak of late has been that of Edward Heath, a good friend of the Chinese, a figure much respected in the Orient. His friends, though, say he is reluctant to assume the peculiar challenges of the task.

David Wilson, the career diplomat given most credit for negotiating the joint agreement with China, is fast heading for his knighthood and ambassadorial rank, and is the natural choice of Whitehall. But he, while amiable and sound, and a mountaineer to boot, has no public reputation for the kind of strong resolve that the colonialists believe they need.

How much better, how truly bold it would be, to have the Prince of Wales installed in Government House instead.

No cunning Chinese diplomat or central committee member would then dare try to sinister with a colony headed by a British version of Imperial Wizard, Grand Dragon and Great Fojandrum all wrapped up in one.

To court displeasure with the Foreign Office is one thing; to risk the wrath of a sovereign's house is quite another. Not from the date of the prince's appointment until midnight on June 30, 1997, Hong Kong would be treated by Peking just as it desires and deserves to be

treated - with respect, and on the basis of real equality.

The bankers and the marketeers would love it. The world's great companies would flock to an island made fashionable by the presence of the royal pair, the Hang Seng index would triple in a year. Confidence would be restored from the moment the RAF aircraft touched down with them at Kai Tak airport. It would be like Mountbatten in India all over again.

And there is a good chance that Charles and Diana might like it too. Government House, designed by a man from the South Manchurian Railway, and thus admittedly looking just like a South Manchurian railway station, may not be quite up to the standards they know. But there's a decent little yacht called the *Lady Mairine*, and a place called Fan Ling up in the New Territories to which it could take them for their weekends off. The social life is glittering, the rich are much adored.

The car's not bad, either. With the job goes the only Rolls-Royce Phantom Five officially available to any British diplomat, anywhere, and just like the ones back home. The royal arms are already emblazoned on its doors - almost as if they, and the colony, are waiting for the day that their prince will come to help say what will inevitably be Hong Kong's long, and lingering, goodbye.

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Collision course

Philip Howard: new words for old

misguided journeaus suppose that, if they write that a car crashes into a lamp post, they are implying that the car driver was responsible for the accident. So they prefer to write "collide", which implies no blame, and will pacify the lawyer. And so the well of English is being defiled yet again by hacks.

The Oxford lexicographers write ironically back, saying that if a usage is widely accepted by careful writers, but generally avoided by careless ones, their policy is to include it in dictionaries, but to label it as disputed. They are having a

"My father collided with an ass, which was lying asleep in the middle of the road." And John Wain, in *The Smaller Sky*, writes: "His head came into painful collision with a wooden crate." We need not attach too much value to this evidence. You could condemn the Day Lewis sentence as badly constructed. The quotation from Wain could refer to a crate that was moving. Oxford says that if a usage is widely accepted by careful writers, but generally avoided by careless ones, their policy is to include it in dictionaries, but to label it as disputed. They are having a

careful look at collision, to see whether they should give it a warning label in their next edition. I do not think that they need to bother too much. There is no implication in the prefix col- that both objects have to be moving when they clash together. There are examples from an early date of good writers using collide and collision about one moving and one stationary object. "The Blood collides against the Sides of the Aorta", 1746. "The collision of the waters against the tips of the orifice", 1677.

My friend is barking up the wrong tree. But I am pleased to see that Sir James Murray, who edited this volume of his dictionary himself, notes that when the word was first used of railway trains or ships in collision, c 1860 to 1870, it was objected to as an Americanism.

Richard Holme

Now see who's being squeezed

Coming to terms with three-party politics in an electoral system designed for two parties is not easy for anyone. Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, tries to cope by denying the Alliance's validity and representing it, as he did after the Tyne Bridge by-election, as an interloper "cynically intervening" in a two-player game. In this simplistic propaganda, a vote for the Alliance becomes a vote-for-Labour.

The facts do not support the case. If anything, detailed analysis of recent Gallup polls suggests the reverse - that the Alliance provides the best assurance that Labour will not win an overall majority at the next general election. It is true that the Alliance's advance is bad news for the Conservatives, but by no stretching of the data can it be represented as good news for Labour.

If Tebbit's distaste for socialism is as acute as his line of argument suggests, he should perhaps be asking his City friends to redirect some of their postal orders to Messrs Steel and Owen since they are his best bulwark against a Labour victory in 1987.

Gallup surveys for September, October and November have been averaged out to provide a three-month set of voting-intention figures. This provides a sample of over 28,000 which permits detailed analysis in each region of the country; furthermore, the accumulation of data spread over three months will have ironed out the temporary boost which each party in turn received from the conference season.

The percentage share of voting intentions for each party was Labour 34.2, Conservative 32.2, Alliance 31.7. No surprises there - the figures are roughly in line with other surveys - but if the figures are analyzed to show the distribution of support region by region, we find how much the political map has changed since June 1983.

Then the Alliance was in third place in nine of the 11 regions. Today it lies third in two regions only, and by the slenderest margin. In the north, Scotland and Wales the Alliance challenges Labour. In the south the Alliance and the Conservatives are the contenders.

The first-past-the-post system tends to make a two-horse race out of elections, squeezing the third party out. Although in a few constituencies Liberals, and latterly the Alliance, have turned tactical voting to their advantage, across the country as a whole they have been the victims of this squeeze. Today the Alliance looks more like a squeeze than a squeeze. Here is the current party pecking order around Britain:

	Lab	Con	Alliance
North-east	1	3	2
North-west	1	3	3
Scotland	1	3	3
Wales	1	3	3
East Midlands	3	1	1
West Midlands	2	1	3
London	2	1	3
Eastern	3	1	2
South-east	3	1	1
South-west	3	2	1

At above 30 per cent of the national vote, the relatively even spread of Alliance support across the country which penalized it in 1983 begins to look more of an advantage, for it puts Liberals and DPs into the run-off virtually everywhere. The Brecon and Radnor or Tyne Bridge effect of some Tory voters rallying behind the Alliance as the best prospect of defeating Labour, begins to look like a national tactic across Scotland, Wales and the north of England. This may pose a stronger threat to Labour in its heartlands than the Conservatives have ever been able to muster. And for Neil Kinnock, the gloomy message does not end there.

Since the 1983 general election, Labour and the Alliance have both benefited equally on a national basis from the decline in Conservative support, each picking up about six voters in 100. The problem for Labour is that it has not picked up votes where it needs them most. The revival of support is coming either in the southern areas, where Labour remains a hopeless third, or in its strongholds in Scotland and Wales where the Conservatives are redundant.

In London and the Midlands, where 40 per cent of Labour's list of target seats are, the Labour pick-up has been only three voters in 100, whereas the Alliance has picked up eight in 100. Local by-election results confirm this trend. In fact, taking the target seats as a whole across Britain, in the 30 seats which Kinnock has set himself to win to form a majority government, the Alliance has actually picked up more support than Labour. Labour is doing even less well in its vital target seats than it is nationally.

There are lessons for all contestants in these figures. For the Alliance, that it is short of overall victory by only five or six voters in 100, if it is sufficiently tough in using the electoral system to squeeze the third party in each region. For Labour, that breakthrough looks further away than it did when Kinnock took over from Michael Foot. And for Tebbit, that he should consider dropping electoral misrepresentation and adopting proportional representation. His party may need it more than he realizes.

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moreover... Miles Kington

Exactly what I never wanted

Yes, it's Sales time again! Sales, the game that anyone can play, but very few can win! AD last year, teams of hand-picked workers in Taiwan, Hong Kong and somewhere near Bristol have been battling against the clock to bring you the season's first shipment of "Now Only £9.99" placards. They have been churning out trousers with one leg shorter than the other, jerseys with one vital thread missing, and trousers which have never fallen to bits yet. Goods with all the famous brand names of the world, many of them spelt correctly, have been speeding towards these shores in crates marked "Sales Goods - High Street, England". And now it's time for you to go out and pit your wits against crack teams of sales assistants - if you can find them!

Here's how the game works. You go to a department store in search of something you really need, say a video recorder. No, that's ridiculous. Nobody really needs a video recorder. So let's say an ironing board, marked down from £17 to only £12.99. When you get there, you find that all the ironing boards have gone, so you get half a dozen pairs of string gloves and a home computer instead. If, on the other hand, you really wanted some gloves and a home computer, you get an ironing board instead. It's as simple as that.

But why, you may ask, do you play Sales right after Christmas, at the very time when you need to put your feet up? We asked Henry Cashmere, Professor of High Street Trading at Milton Keynes University.

"Well," says the professor, "it seems that in the old days shops used to have stock left over from Christmas that they wanted to get rid of, so they would reduce prices from Boxing Day onwards. Nowadays, of course, they wouldn't dream of doing that - they import special sales goods from Taiwan, Hong Kong and somewhere near Bristol, and hide all that good stuff left over from Christmas. They then mark the sales goods with slogans like 'Gigantic Reductions or Prices Slash! Slash! Slash!' do you see what these slogans mean?"

"They mean that the price is unchanged."

Yes, you have to be good to win at the game of Sales. We talked to Mr and Mrs Buzzard of Leytonstone, who had just been up to town to get a new cooker in the Sales. They got it all right, reduced from £495 to only £399.99. But there was one snag.

"When we got home, we found that the pilot flame didn't work and the rings were the wrong size. We rang up the shop, and got through only two days later. We then found out that the cooker we bought was a model withdrawn in November, and that parts were now unavailable."

"But that's all the fun of the game

of Sales," chips in Mrs Buzzard. "Some you lose and others you don't. We lost a lot of time especially getting the cooker home on the Tube, and I don't regret it for a single moment."

Occasionally people do get a real bargain. Mr Oswald Pyke of Leeds, for instance, spotted at his local hardware store a Trident missile marked down from £12 billion to only £19.99. So he got it. He thinks the reduction was due to the fact that it was two years past the sell-by date, but he has no intention of using it anyway.

"I couldn't use it without the launcher, and the launcher is out of launchers, but the whole point of having a Trident missile is not to use it, it's just the fun of having it. Ask Mr Heseltine. To be quite honest, I'd gone looking for half a dozen gloves and an ironing board, but they were right out."

Has anyone ever got what they wanted in the Sales game? Professor Cashmere again. "Not as such. No. But that's the point. The whole point of the exercise is as an antidote to Christmas. Christmas is all about buying gifts for other people, whereas the Sales is all about buying presents for yourself, and if you know anything about human nature, you'll realize which is the more sane, sane function. After all, people have been known to queue for days or even weeks in order to take part in the Sales, but I don't if anyone has ever queued for more than 10 minutes to buy a Christmas present. Human nature, you see. By the way, I went to the Sales this year to get a couple of pairs of corduroy trousers."

"And what did you actually get?"

"That naive ironing board. Do you think it suits me?"

Well, no, frankly. But that's not the point. The point is not to win, but to take part and lose.

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Thousands of furious *Times* readers have protested about the absence of Lord Moreover, our proprietor, from the New Year's Honours list. They want to know how the government could have ignored the man who had done so much in 1985 to clear the Amazon Basin of unwanted trees, sell grain to Ethiopia at a highly advantageous price, pass obsolete British secrets to the Russians and lend millions of pounds to Derek Hatton via one of his Swiss banks.

The answer is quite simple. Lord Moreover was indeed offered a second peerage by an obsequious Tory government but it was merely a time-sharing peerage, which he would be entitled to use for only a fortnight a year, and then pass on to someone like Jeffrey Archer. Under such humiliating circumstances he had no alternative but to refuse.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Threat of more failure as the EEC grows

Amid the popping rioja and vinho verde corks, the European Economic Community acquired an extra 48 million people and two new languages on the stroke of midnight last Tuesday. It also became less of an economic community and more of a political gathering of approved Western European democracies.

The accession of Spain and Portugal to the EEC double the number of members from the original six of the 1957 Treaty of Rome. Enlargement has proceeded in three stages. Britain, Denmark and Ireland joined in January 1973; Greece in January 1981. There has been one little-noticed drop-out: Greenland left quietly last year, after obtaining internal autonomy from Denmark.

There are two ways of looking at EEC enlargement. One is that the original EEC members, having successfully integrated their economies, felt able to accommodate additional countries, each enlargement taking a few years to digest.

A more accurate way of looking at enlargement is that the original six, having achieved some, but not much, progress towards economic integration, decided that it was easier to proceed by enlarging than by the tortuous task of attempting to bring their economies still closer.

THE EEC TWELVE - 1986 OUTLOOK

	Growth in gross domestic product (%)	Consumer price inflation (%)	Balance of payments current account (%)
Belgium	1.5	3.75	+1.25
Denmark	3.5	2.75	-2.25
France	3.5	3.75	+3.5
Germany	3.25	1.25	+20.25
Greece	-1	21.25	-2
Ireland	2.25	5	-0.5
Italy	2.5	6.75	-5.25
Luxembourg	2.25	4	+6.75
Netherlands	2	1.75	-0.5
Portugal	2.75	15.5	-0.5
Spain	2	9	+3.25
United Kingdom	2.25	4	+5

Source: OECD

Various stages can be defined in the development of an economic grouping like the EEC. The first is the establishment of a customs union, with a common external tariff and the removal of barriers to internal trade. The second is a common market, in which the factors of production, labour and capital can move freely. The final stage is full economic and monetary union, including a common EEC currency and EEC-wide economic policy, made in Brussels.

About 15 years ago, the original six - Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg - found themselves somewhere between the first and second stages of economic integration. Some internal trade barriers remained, as did many barriers to free movement of factors of production, but the customs union was operative more or less smoothly.

In agriculture, and coal and steel, economic union was at its most advanced, most notably with the Common Agricultural Policy. The latter, the area in which the Community has developed most, is also the one which has consistently produced the biggest problems.

To all intents and purposes, the EEC has remained frozen at that stage since the early seventies.

The new members, with relatively large agricultural sectors, will put additional strains on the Common Agricultural Policy. However, both Spain and Portugal have been undergoing a pre-entry economic fitness course.

Spain's Socialist government has been pursuing tough and resolute economic policies in a way that would make Mrs

Thatcher blush. It has reduced inflation to around 8 per cent from well over 20 per cent in the late seventies.

Spain has also pushed through cuts in income tax, through the highly laudable method of stopping evasion. It is running a healthy current account surplus. The dark side of all this is unemployment. One in five of Spain's workforce is without a job.

Portugal, under the supervision of the International Monetary Fund, has also had to endure economic hardship to bring down inflation. The inflation rate was 29 per cent in 1984, less than 20 per cent on average last year, and should fall to around 15-16 per cent this year.

There have been two years without growth although, so far, unemployment remains well below Spanish levels, at around 11 per cent. In an effort to maintain international competitiveness the Portuguese government has been devaluing the escudo.

For Britain, the new recruits - protected by years of transition arrangements before trade barriers are fully dismantled - are no easy trade touch. In the first ten months of last year, Britain had a trade deficit of £159.8 million with Spain and £204.7 million with Portugal. Their entry effectively pushes up Britain's annual trade deficit with the rest of the EEC from £2.7 billion to £3.2 billion.

In the enlarged EEC of 12 members, the opportunity for different tiers to develop becomes far greater. A tier structure is in evidence with the European Monetary System. Eight EEC countries are full members; four, Britain, Greece and now Spain and Portugal, are not.

The EMS is a good example of how the process of integration can be becalmed, with nobody prepared to take things further. The EMS is a currency link which covers only part of the EEC. Until it covers all members it is unlikely that we shall see the next stage, a European Monetary Fund, or the following steps leading to a common currency.

Tiers also exist on inflation, though not as pronounced as might be expected. The majority of members will have inflation of less than 5 per cent this year; low inflation is a blessing shared by most industrial countries.

Does EEC membership in itself impose economic disciplines on states that will produce convergence of economic performance? There is no good reason why it should. Even when the internal EEC trade barriers are completely removed, members - particularly small countries - have the option of adjusting for loss of competitiveness by moving their exchange rates.

The apparent convergence on inflation rates is a reflection of declining commodity prices rather than anything else.

It would be childish not to recognize the fact that Spain and Portugal have developed sufficiently, both economically and politically, to become EEC members. But it is inevitable that enlargement, curiously, makes the EEC institutions more inward looking, concentrating on putting the Community's house in order.

In an ideal world, last year's initiatives on world debt and currency instabilities would have come, not from the American Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, but from the EEC, surely more subject to international influences, and much earlier.

In an ideal world, too, the EEC would have come up with a co-ordinated approach to reducing Community unemployment. Spain's 3 million and Portugal's near 4,000,000 unemployed bring the EEC total to around 17 million. That, more than anything, is the EEC's failure.

Europe rejects front-runner as head of World Bank

From Bailey Morris in Washington

Europe and Japan have warned the United States that they will not accept a mediocre candidate who does not command respect on world capital markets as new head of the World Bank.

This has triggered a high-level debate over the qualifications of Mr William Mitterand, the US Ambassador to the EEC who is thought to be a front-runner.

Some European officials strongly oppose his candidacy on the grounds that he has neither sufficient standing on financial markets nor the international stature to carry out the US Treasury's new global debt initiative which involves a much larger role for the World Bank.

A senior World Bank official said: "The United States has been told quite firmly that Europe and Japan do not want another president like Mr A. W. 'Tom' Clausen who allowed the Bank's position to diminish."

The unusual protest comes



Treasury men: James Baker (left), Richard Darman and David Mulford

only three weeks before the Reagan Administration expects to name the man for the job.

Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, favours an influential person for the post which becomes vacant on June 30 when Mr Clausen's term expires. But several prominent candidates, including Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, have rejected the Administration's overtures.

It is unclear whether Mr Mitterand enjoys the unquali-

fied support of Mr Baker or whether his backing comes from an influential group of White House officials led by Mr Donald Regan, the Chief of Staff.

Other names prominent on the Treasury's list are Mr John Hennessey, the London-based director of First Boston Corporation, and Mr John Petty of the Marine Midland Bank.

Both have disadvantages, Mr Hennessey, considered a rising star, is thought to be too young and Mr Petty, while cooversant

with the global debt strategy, may not have sufficiently broad political experience.

And pressure on the United States to produce a candidate quickly to move the debt strategy forward, has also led to speculation that Mr Baker may name a high-level Treasury official to the post.

Mr Richard Darman, the Deputy Treasury Secretary, and Mr David Mulford, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, have been mentioned. Treasury sources say it is unclear whether either would be interested in the job.

The question of political experience, the ability to forge a consensus among member nations and manage relations with the US Congress, has become increasingly important.

Under the US debt initiative, the Bank will assume broad control over the economies of many debtor nations.

Many European and US officials doubt whether a president who decreases the bank's independence by acting as a rubber stamp for the US will earn the respect necessary to carry out these reforms.

Legal action warning to Distillers

By Jeremy Warner Business Correspondent

Argyll Group has warned the chairman of Distillers, Mr John Connell, of the possibility of legal action if Distillers repeats allegedly misleading statements to discredit Argyll's standing.

The letter came as speculation grew that Guinness may intervene in the increasingly bitter £1.9 billion takeover fight.

Industry sources said that the fast-growing brewing group is seriously considering a counter bid, though stockbroking analysts were sceptical of the company's ability to muster the £2 billion necessary to become a serious contender.

The sources said that Guinness may be considering the move as a "spoiling" tactic which would ensure that Argyll's bid is referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Guinness owns Arthur Bell & Sons, which has nearly a fifth of the British scotch whisky market. Its intervention could force the Government to refer the whole takeover situation, including Argyll's bid.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, is expected to give Argyll the go-ahead today or tomorrow after receiving advice from the Office of Fair Trading. Guinness will therefore have to make its intentions known quickly to ensure a reference.

Copies of Argyll's strongly-worded letter has been sent to Kleinwort, Benson, Distillers' merchant bank adviser, and the Takeover Panel. In it, Argyll accuses Distillers of not taking requisite care in preparing its advertisements and documents and, in so doing, of not complying with the takeover code.

The letter says: "The code requires accuracy and fair presentation in advertisements and statements that the making of a misleading statement is a serious matter."

Argyll is particularly furious about a claim in Distillers' last defence document that various companies now in the Argyll Group had more than once in the past been sued successfully for involvement in the passing off of foreign products as scotch whisky.

The statement failed to make

clear that the actions occurred

before these companies were

owned by the Argyll Group, the

letter says. "The strongest

action will be taken by Argyll if

any such misleading statements

are repeated."

Boesky stake

Mr Ivan Boesky, the New York investor, together with a group of companies he controls, said it will hold an 8.1 per cent stake in Midcon Corporation. Last week Occidental Petroleum agreed to acquire Midcon for cash and stock in a transaction valued at \$72.38 a share.

Farm debt level

Government preliminary figures show that US farm debt levelled off in 1985 and some main categories may have declined.

FNFC declares first dividend since banking crisis in 1974

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

First National Finance Corporation, the biggest victim of the secondary banking crisis a decade ago, has completed its rehabilitation by declaring a dividend of 2.8 pence net per share, its first since 1974.

The group's accounts for the year to October will also show an unqualified auditor's report, after the final repayment of borrowings under the Bank of England's support scheme which had once reached £350 million.

The company's results, to be

announced to the Stock Exchange this morning will show a 25 per cent rise in pretax profits from £17.6 million to £22.1 million.

After a charge for advance corporation tax, earnings per share are up from 13.4 to 15.5p fully diluted.

Mr Richard Langdon, the accountant brought in as chairman to nurse the company back to health, says that profits are continuing to rise and are likely to show a further increase for the current year.

Most of the group's profits come from its consumer credit division, which produced £18.4 million against £13.1 million last year.

The results have been brought forward, fuelling speculation that FNFC, now a potentially attractive takeover target for foreign banks or insurance companies, would itself announce an acquisition today. But Mr Wrigley says this will not happen and that, while the group is thinking of acquisitions "at this point we have nothing definite in mind."

Libya pays \$100m for Italian oil firm

From John Earle, Rome

The Libyan Arab Foreign Bank's purchase of a controlling 70 per cent share in the Tamoil oil refining and distribution company, formerly Amoco's Italian subsidiary, is expected to be announced at a shareholders' meeting in Milan next Monday.

The company was bought from the Americans and renamed Tamoil in 1983 by the Lebanese entrepreneur, Mr

Roger Tamraz, who put up \$63 million (£43 million) and arranged financing for a further \$200 million from Italian banks. But it has operated at a loss, and since last summer has been run by a court-appointed administrator.

The deal will be a second important Italian investment for the Libyans after their 14 per cent holding in Fiat. It will give them access to the Italian

market for their crude through a 5 million tonne a year refinery at Cremona in the Po Valley, and a network of 850 service stations, mostly in northern Italy.

It is understood the Libyans will put up \$100 million for their 70 per cent of Tamoil, while Mr Tamraz will retain 10 per cent and Asca, a holding company registered in Switzerland, will hold 20 per cent.

IN BRIEF

Market high in Tokyo

The Nikkei Dow average of share prices on the Tokyo stock exchange rose to a record high close on Saturday, with selective buying of some leading shares in a subdued first session of trading in 1986.

The average made a last-minute gain to 13,136.87, a record high finish but well below an all-time high of 13,183.25 marked in early hours of December 16. Turnover was a thin 120 million shares against a half-day total of 200 million on December 28.

Airlines, electric powers, oils and some internationally popular electricals firmed.

Kuwait minister sees market revival for Opec

Kuwait (Reuters). - The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which owns two-thirds of world crude reserves, eventually will regain control of the oil market, according to the Kuwaiti Oil Minister, Ali Al-Khalifa Al-Sabah.

"The future belongs to Opec", the Minister, a member of a five-man committee set up by the organization to recommend a new marketing strategy, told the Kuwaiti weekly *Al-Risalah*.

He blamed non-Opec producers, who have boosted output sharply to take advantage of production cutbacks by the 13 Opec nations, for contributing to the current glut and weak prices.

But Kuwait had secure outlets for its oil.

Taiwan's foreign exchange reserves stood at \$22.2 billion at the year end, up \$5.8 billion from a year earlier. The Central Bank said the increase was due to Taiwan's growing trade surplus.

Car project

Volkswagen of West Germany and the Soviet Union are having talks about a motor engine project. The talks concern the supply of a plant to build between 250,000 and 300,000 Volkswagen engines a year according to the magazine *Der Spiegel*.

Chinese branch

Standard Chartered Bank has opened a branch in China's Shenzhen special economic zone. China began allowing new branches late in 1985 but Standard Chartered has had a branch in Shanghai since 1858.

Icahn takes control of TWA board

New York (AP-Dow Jones). - Mr Carl C. Icahn, the US financier and Trans World Airlines have scrapped an agreement for him to buy TWA and entered into a pact under which he controls its board, according to a TWA announcement.

The new arrangement came against a background of serious losses for America's fourth-largest airline, which Mr Icahn had agreed to buy more than three months ago following a protracted takeover battle with Texas Air Corporation.

The announcement revealed that TWA may have lost up to \$140 million (\$97.4 million) last year, double an earlier estimate.

Mr Icahn, who owns 52 per cent of TWA, had offered to buy the rest for \$24 a share (\$19.50 in cash and \$4.50 in securities) under a September agreement, but had trouble obtaining the estimated \$800 million to be needed to complete the purchase because of investor concern about TWA's profitability.

Mr Icahn also becomes chairman of the TWA board under the new agreement. Two non-Icahn affiliated members of the board have also resigned, this giving his nominees control. Mr Icahn will raise \$750 million for TWA under the new pact.

The announcement came after officials of TWA's pilots and machinists unions said they had reached agreements on new contracts with Mr Icahn. The contracts offer substantial concessions to improve the airline financially.

Drop in unemployment forecast by broker

By Our Economics Correspondent

The Government will be able to fight the next election with a small reduction in unemployment from present levels, according to stockbrokers Simon & Coates.

A clear break in the trend of unemployment occurred last April, Mr Gavin Davies, chief UK economist at Simon & Coates, says in its latest bulletin. This was due to an expansion of special employment measures and perhaps more importantly, because employment in "real" jobs has increased as productivity has slowed.

About 200,000 extra jobs are likely to emerge this year, the brokers say, 75,000 of them as a result of changes in national insurance contributions announced in the last Budget.

There also will be about 100,000 extra places on the special government schemes. Unemployment will fall by between 120,000 and 149,000, after allowing for growth in the labour force of 160,000-180,000, Simon & Coates said.

Unemployment at the next election will be 100,000-200,000 lower than it is now, although still nearly three times its 1979 level, the brokers say. City economists are still debating likely tax cuts in the next Budget. In its latest bulletin, Griverson Grant, on the basis of a \$23 a barrel oil price and a \$1.40 pound, says there could be no room for any reductions.

Simon & Coates expects £1.75 billion of cuts next March.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

Friday's close and change on week	
FT Ind Ord	1,149.8 (+26.3)
FT All Share	690.80 (+14.70)
FT Govt Securities	82.51 (-0.49)
FT-SE 100	1,428.0 (+30.2)
Bargains	19,440 (+10,222)
Dataseam USM	108.65 (-1.93)
New York Dow Jones	1,548 (+6.20)
Tokyo Nikkei Dow	13,136.87 - Saturday's close (+53.69)
Hong Kong Hang Seng	1,791.23 (+80.89)
Amsterdam	292.8 (+10.5)
Sydney AO	1,020.3 (+23.1)
Frankfurt	2,025.9 (+88.8)
Paris CAC	277.5 (+11.5)
Zurich SKA General	504.70 (+8.7)

CURRENCIES

Friday's close and change on week	
London	£ \$1.4386 (+0.032)
DM	DM \$5.484 (-0.0028)
Sfr	Sfr \$2.9824 (-0.0096)
Ffr	Ffr \$1.08953 (-0.0036)
Yen	Yen 261.55 (+1.32)
Index	Index 78.0 (+0.10)
New York	£ \$1.4395 (+0.0030)
DM	DM \$2.4605 (-0.0135)
Index	Index 128.1 (-0.2)
ECU	ECU 2.061443

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY - Interim: Anglo Nordic Holdings, Carclo Engineering Group, Ellis & Everard, Priest Marlane, F. H. Tomkins. Final: none announced.

TOMORROW - Interim: Blacks Leisure Group, Gilbert House Investments, Kaku, London Investment Trust, Pepe Group, Final: A. G. Barr (final dividend), Home Group, Winterbottom Energy Trust.

WEDNESDAY - Interim: Asda-MFI Group, Beepak, Hollis Group, Stroud Riley Drummond, TR City of London (second quarter). Final: Abbey Panels Investments, M & G Dual Trust, Pericom International, Trilon.

THURSDAY - Interim: Sidney C. Banks, Electronic Rentals Group, Oldacre Holdings, Stewart & Wight, Thom EMI. Final: Associated Newspaper Holdings, Daily Mail and General Trust, John Perkins Meats, Valin Pollen International.

FRIDAY - Interim: Peter Black Holdings. Final: Brint Investments.

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Gilts: nervous market hangs on to its cash

Conditions in domestic money markets imply very little leeway for the Chancellor to be flexible over rates. Last week saw the start of the expected large money market shortages. On a couple of days, these were well over £1 billion. The Bank of England's money market operators were well to the fore, and took out the shortages by spirited inter-

A move along these lines might be sensible, given that there is little incentive to buy gilts at current yield levels. Meanwhile, stock has to be sold, if only to satisfy the severely cut down version of monetary policy now in operation.

The likely impact of this package can be gauged from the reaction the anti-betting lobby. In a letter to *The Times* last month, Dr E. Moran, chairman

Cyril Steinhilber

While no responsible bookmaker wants to profit from an increase in gambling's social problems, any more than brewers or distillers want to breed more alcoholics rising

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turnover. Customers will be more inclined to stay in the shop from one race to the next and the proprietors will be able to superimpose promotional material on the screens.

Beyond those immediate

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Conditions set for a return to 1960s

Corporate cash flow has also been very strong. So things did not turn out at the way the experts told us they would turn out. As I have

12,128	Assoc. sales	163	+3
3,416,000	Autogama	61	
4,220	BTS Grp	82	
4,275,000	Burnard (William)	1	-8
8,010,000	Burnard & Fournier	13	
1,826,000	Business Chops	36	+2
7,242,000	Burlesky & Hery	82	+4
16,000	Burlesky Exp	81	
34,200	Burlesky Op	280	
3,435,000	Bio Isolates	27	+2
1,503,000	Brown-Chick	15	

17.0	8.5	10.0	5,814.000	Harvey & Thompson
2.9	13.1	14.2	13.2m	Harvelock Europe
5.8	6.6	9.9	52.0m	Hawatit Whiting
64m	7.1	10.5	3,301,000	Health Care
8.6	4.0	7.8	2,680,000	Hess
...	...	4.5	3,455,000	Do 'A' LV
...	14.9m	High-Point
...	7,780,000	Highland Park
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136	-2	8.7	4.2	16.6	8,895,000
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340	"	10.0	2.9	16.5	14.4m
26	"	1.1b	3.8	39.4	16.8m
260	"	10.7	2.7	28.4	13.6m
315	"	10.7	3.4	21.2	8,631,000
383	+10	5.7	1.6	23.8	9,708,000
14	+10	"	"	"	1,621,000
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Petco	323		4.0	3.6	10.2
Petrol	184	+2	23.8
Polystyrene Marlex	180	+5	5.4	5.4	22.6
Powder	158	+10	2.3	1.7	20.4
President's Cat	225	●	2.9	3.1	20.4
Protonics Hys	98	+2	1.0	3.8	15.2
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Property Test 10p	5
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Another casualty highlights perils of the young idea

There has been a number of recent casualties such as Energabrook Group, which has fallen from more than 100p to 5p. And Jebson's Drilling has come down from near 200p in 1992

**Derek Pain
and Pam Spooner**

kinds, and by a surplus of labour due to liberal immigration policies. These conditions are now re-established, unthinkable though that may have seemed during the 1970s. Hence, I believe we are on a

Capitalization & Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Ch'ge on year
\$2.3m Atlas	92	+7	
\$47.7m Alliance	87 1/2	+8	
\$11.6m Amer Telex	126	+2	
\$82.0m Alp Amer Sec	226	+8	
\$2.5m Amphipac	15 1/2	+1	

Rank	Company	Div. Yield %	P/E
1	3M	5.5	15
2	Boeing	5.5	15
3	IBM	5.5	15
4	General Electric	5.5	15
5	Johnson & Johnson	5.5	15
6	Merck	5.5	15
7	Pfizer	5.5	15
8	Roche	5.5	15
9	Schering-Plough	5.5	15
10	Wendel	5.5	15

Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E	Capitalization £ m
117	+12	2.26	6.8	..	6,005,000
357	..	14.5	4.7	..	101.7m
234	-2	2.5	3.9	..	23.5m
260	..	8.2	2.6

Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross Div div yld pence %	P/E
Southern Energy	38	..	0.5	1.5
Stockholders	122	..	4.9	3.1
TV Australia	85	+1

- **PRITCHARD SERVICES:** The company has divested of its French and Belgian subsidiaries and a loss-making catering effort in Australia. Combined with the sales of surplus properties, total proceeds are expected to include a small amount of deferred payments.
- **ALBERT FISHER GROUP:** The company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Northside Truck Leasing, is planning to acquire the Mercedes-Benz car franchise in Bradford.
- **RTZ CHEMICALS:** The company has acquired 25 per cent of the British Microbial, a company which is considered to be substantially less than nine quarter of nine per cent of the consolidated net assets of Rio Tinto-Zinc. Microbial is a British biotechnology company, based in Berkshire, in the field of biological pest control. RTZ Chemicals is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RTZ Borax, which is owned by Rio Tinto-Zinc.
- **STEEL BURNELL JONES GROUP:** The Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund has transferred its entire holding of 1,130,000 ordinary shares in Steel Burnell Jones Group to Esigist Trust which now holds a total of 1,190,000 ordinary shares in Steel Burnell (6.25 per cent).
- **SCOT AMERICAN INVESTMENT:** The company has purchased a further 76,500 ordinary shares in Anglo American Agriculture, increasing its holding to 780,550 shares (9.52 per cent).
- **NEW CENTURION TRUST:** The trust has acquired a further 100,000 ordinary shares in The Investment Company, increasing its holding to 53.97 per cent.

cent which has distinguished the cost of money in America since the Civil War.

The result is that I expect nominal medium- and long-term interest rates will decline over the next year or so to about six per cent or seven per cent. Some argue that the size of the federal budget deficit will prevent this from occurring. To which, I reply that, beginning in 1981, the United States has accumulated a total federal budget deficit in excess of \$1,000 billion (\$691.5 billion).

Yet, over this period, nominal medium-to long-term interest rates have fallen more than 500 basis points.

Maxwell Newton

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Japan 'near to new robot generation'

By Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

1,278,000	Assoc. advan	83	+3
220,000	Autogastro	61	
275,000	BTS Corp	82	+8
1,010,000	Bedford (William)	99	-6
824,000	Bennett & Fountain	13	
242,000	Benson Chape	38	+2
18.9m	Berkley & Hay	82	+2
34.8m	Berkley Exp	21	..
435,000	Berkley Op	288	..
553,000	Bio Isolates	27	+2
	Biochemicals	16	..

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Commodity	Price	Chg	Gross	Net	
Company	Price	Chg	Price	Chg	P/E
90.00	110.00	0.00	110.00	0.00	110.00
91.00	111.00	0.00	111.00	0.00	111.00
92.00	112.00	0.00	112.00	0.00	112.00
93.00	113.00	0.00	113.00	0.00	113.00
94.00	114.00	0.00	114.00	0.00	114.00
95.00	115.00	0.00	115.00	0.00	115.00
96.00	116.00	0.00	116.00	0.00	116.00
97.00	117.00	0.00	117.00	0.00	117.00
98.00	118.00	0.00	118.00	0.00	118.00
99.00	119.00	0.00	119.00	0.00	119.00
100.00	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	120.00
101.00	121.00	0.00	121.00	0.00	121.00
102.00	122.00	0.00	122.00	0.00	122.00
103.00	123.00	0.00	123.00	0.00	123.00
104.00	124.00	0.00	124.00	0.00	124.00
105.00	125.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	125.00
106.00	126.00	0.00	126.00	0.00	126.00
107.00	127.00	0.00	127.00	0.00	127.00
108.00	128.00	0.00	128.00	0.00	128.00
109.00	129.00	0.00	129.00	0.00	129.00
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111.00	131.00	0.00	131.00	0.00	131.00
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113.00	133.00	0.00	133.00	0.00	133.00
114.00	134.00	0.00	134.00	0.00	134.00
115.00	135.00	0.00	135.00	0.00	135.00
116.00	136.00	0.00	136.00	0.00	136.00
117.00	137.00	0.00	137.00	0.00	137.00
118.00	138.00	0.00	138.00	0.00	138.00
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143.00	163.00	0.00	163.00	0.00	163.00
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158.00	178.00	0.00	178.00	0.00	178.00
159.00	179.00	0.00	179.00	0.00	179.00
160.00	180.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	180.00
161.00	181.00	0.00	181.00	0.00	181.00
162.00	182.00	0.00	182.00	0.00	182.00
163.00	183.00	0.00	183.00	0.00	183.00
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165.00	185.00	0.00	185.00	0.00	185.00
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167.00	187.00	0.00	187.00	0.00	187.00
168.00	188.00	0.00	188.00	0.00	188.00
169.00	189.00	0.00	189.00	0.00	189.00
170.00	190.00	0.00	190.00	0.00	190.00
171.00	191.00	0.00	191.00	0.00	191.00
172.00	192.00	0.00	192.00	0.00	192.00
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BBC 1

- 6.00 **Celestial AM.**
6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 8.57. Plus, Lynn Faulds Wood's consumer report: pop music news from Steve Blackall, and Russell Grant's horoscopes.
- 9.20 **Celestial.** 10.30 **Play School**, presented by Stuart Bradley with guest Floella Benjamin (r). 10.50 **Celestial.**
- 12.30 **News Afternoon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. Includes subtitle news headlines, 12.55. Regional news. The weather details come from BBC 1.
- 1.00 **Pebble Mill** at One presented by Paul Cole and Josephine Burchill. Jeff Banks joins celebrities at the Embassy's Culture Fashion Show. David Coward introduces his six-year-old swimming prodigy already training for the 1982 Olympics; and there is music from violinist Iona Brown and pop group Amaze. 1.45 **Little Misses and the Mister Man.** A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).
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- 4.50 **John Craven's Newsworld.**
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- 7.40 **Starkey and Hatch.** The two policemen are undercover in a police dance hall, on the trail of a maniac (r).
- 8.30 **Don't Walk Up.** Toby thinks that his separation from Angela necessitates the removal of the World International Dermatological Association; while Tom is worried about the need for a new receptionist. Starting Tony Britton and Nigel Havens (r).
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- 11.10 **World Darts.** Highlights of the last four matches in the first round of the Embassy World Professional Darts Championships, from the Lakeside Country Club, Camberley.
- 12.10 **Weather.**

TV-am

- 6.15 **Good Morning Britain.** Presented by Anne Diamond and Henry Kelly. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; news at 8.20; sport at 8.35 and 7.34. Derek Jameson at 7.15; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.54; the best of TV-am's first two years at 8.17; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.25; actress Gwen Taylor talks about her holiday in Torremolinos at 8.34; and a discussion on paternity leave at 8.42.

ITV LONDON

- 9.25 **Thames news headlines.**
- 9.30 **For Schools:** Part one of a Russian film version of Robinson Crusoe. 9.47 How a letter reaches its destination. 9.53 The story of Tortoise's tug-of-war. 10.11 The use of a computer. 10.23 Physics: the determination of the velocity of light. 10.45 First year German. 1.00 Maths numbers and length. 1.12 Maths: counting in various languages. 1.19 French dialogue dealing with hotels and accommodation. 12.00 **Tickle on the Tum.** Village tales for children. 12.10 Let's Plead to the test of the Green. 1.45 Little Misses and the Mister Man. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).
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Papa Hovelas: The Hidden War. Channel 4: 10.00pm

- By isolating four white racists in the same Devon home as four black victims of racism and telling them not to put their punches when they are made to form a ring. Edward Goldwyn's **Horizon** film **ARE YOU A RACIST?** (BBC 2, 8.10 pm) details centuries of bigotry and pain and resentment and humiliation into little more than 50 uneasy minutes. At the end of the five days of confinement, only one move has been made towards any kind of reconciliation. But as this is signalled early on, the change of heart can, perhaps, be counted only as a very small miracle. Sadly, the **unpleasant nature of this intimate forum** makes it a poor prospect. The encounter does, however, make gripping television, while inviting us to look inside ourselves for prejudices we never even suspected we harboured.
- **GREECE: THE HIDDEN WAR**

- CHOICE**
(Channel 4.10 pm) is an ambitious three-part documentary series from TVS. Whenever this Southampton-based TV company manages to get something on the national network, invariably find myself wandering to see what its output, and Jane Gabriel's film, are no exception. They adopt the same kind of format with respect to the Greek Civil War of 1947-49 as Granada Television did with their brilliant series about the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39. Survivors, extant, look back. Archival film is mixed in. Historians put forward their perspectives. Nobody has yet come up with a better method. Tonight's film is, actually, only a scene-setter for the civil war. Hostilities proper begin next week, with a detailed account of the bitter harvest that resulted from the seeds of discontent we see

- being sown in tonight's film which is about the left-wing resistance movement EAM ELAS and Churchill's decision to send in British troops to put down the partisans and keep Greece out of Stalin's hands. ● Radio choice: Tolstoy's opera **IOLANTA** (Radio 3, 10 pm) has nothing whatever to do with G & S. This libretto (by the composer's brother Modest) is based on Hanz's play **King Rene's Daughter**. Rostropovich conducts, with his wife Galina Vishnevskaya singing the title role. ● **THE STAR WARS HISTORY** (Radio 3, 9.15 pm) offers us a second chance to hear Dr Henry Kissinger defending the policy of détente he pursued. ● Bob Geldof answers listeners' questions in tonight's **JANICE LONG SHOW** on Radio 1 (7.30 pm).

Peter Daville

BBC 2

- 8.00 **Celestial.**
- 9.15 **Daytime on Two:** A short-term commission in any of the Forces. 9.38 Leaving home for the first time - the problems of bed-sit land. 10.00 For four and five-year-olds. 10.15 Music: rhythm and the beat. 10.58 History: the Berlin blockade and the Korean War. 11.00 The early days of space travel. 11.22 Thinkabout. 11.40 The first of three programmes examining some of the issues that divide East and West. 12.10 **The GCSE: General Issues.** 12.40 Technical studies: non-ferrous metals and alloys. 1.00 Lesson one of a better baccarat course. 1.18 Scotland's vehicle industry. 2.00 Words and Pictures. 2.18 Part one of a two-part play about two teenagers experiencing their first serious relationship. 2.40 Buddy, a five-part drama starring Roger Delaney.
- 3.05 **Celestial.**
- 4.00 **World Darts:** Highlights from last night's action in the Embassy World Professional Darts Championships.
- 5.00 **The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures.** The first of six on the subject of communicating, given by Professor David Fry.
- 6.00 **Film: The Private Life of Henry VIII (1933)** starring Charles Laughton as the notorious monarch. The story begins with his marriage to Jane Seymour on the day Anne Boleyn, his second wife, is executed. With Robert Dunt as Thomas Cupper, Marie O'Brien as Anne Boleyn, and Wendy Seymour as Jane Seymour. Directed by Alexander Korda.
- 7.30 **Frickley - The Changel.** The first of a new series following five people from villages around Frickley colliery during 1985. The first subject is Steve who began his year in Army Jail. Leads on an explosive charge. He is released on bail on the condition that he lives at least 50 miles from his home.
- 8.10 **Horizon: Are You a Racist?** After selecting four applicants from a nationwide newspaper advertisement asking for racists and victims of racism, the eight people spend five days together in an isolated house in Devon. The cameras record as they debate the points of view were investigated by each other. (See Choice).
- 9.00 **The Best: Part two** of the superb drama about the crew of a German U-boat, on patrol in 1941, attempting to disrupt supply lines to Britain. The second part sees a British submarine, English battleship (r).
- 10.30 **World Darts.** Highlights of the final matches of the first round in the Embassy World Professional Darts Championships. Followed by a Philip Larkin poem read by Harold Pinter.
- 10.55 **Newsnight.** 11.40 **Weather.**
- 11.45 **T&A-Journal.** The news in German from the ZDF channel; and in French from Antenne Deux in Paris. Ends at 12.15.

CHANNEL 4

- 2.30 **Sneaker Ukulele Davies** introduces action in the Marston Credit Classic. This afternoon Joe Johnson and Eugene Hughes battle for a place in the quarterfinals.
- 4.00 **A Plus & Mevins Nicholson** talks to Billy Bragg, the successful singer of songs with a message.
- 4.30 **Question Time.** First round of a new series of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition plus groupier Jonathan Stewart from Bury St Edmunds. Hosted by Julia Styles at a student from East Grinstead.
- 5.00 **Alce.** When Joana, a former trucker, meets her old partner who is too tired to carry on with his run, she, with Alice and Vera, volunteer to finish the job. It is only when they reached an unpaved section of the journey that the girls discover they have a cargo of dynamite.
- 5.30 **Food for Thought.** Part one of a repeated series presented by Marion Bowman and Brian J Ford illustrating that better eating habits could improve the nation's health.
- 6.00 **The Programme (r).** A comedy series examining how the average Briton's diet has changed over the past two centuries.
- 6.15 **World of Animation.**
- 6.30 **Be Your Own Boss.** Henry Cooper introduces the first in a repeated series on how to set up and expand one's own business. A wine-bar, a small computer firm, and a mail order company are featured in the programme (r).
- 7.00 **Channel Four News** with Peter Sissons and Alastair Stewart. Includes a report by Michael Rogin, professor of political studies at Berkeley, on the number of times President Reagan has lied to old times in his speeches.
- 7.50 **Comment.** On the subject of relationships with pets is writer Angela Patmore. Weather.
- 8.00 **Brookside.** Pat and Sandra are worried about their unruly grandchild.
- 8.30 **Low Grant.** Floer discovers conflicts of interest on the staff of the Trib and he writes a story that has the sparks flying in the city office.
- 9.30 **Chance in a Million.** The first of a new series of the comedy starring Simon Callow as the starting-prize Tom Chance, and Branda Blithing as his long-suffering girlfriend, Alison. In tonight's episode Tom receives a demand from the Inspector of Taxes to make an honest woman of his daughter, and an Uncle Mattheo insisting on a short-gun wedding.
- 10.00 **Greece: The Hidden War** (see Choice).
- 11.00 **The Eleventh Hour: Acting Tapes.** The start of a series exploring the ideas and training methods behind two major opposing acting styles of the 20th century: method and realism, beginning with the naturalistic style of acting developed in the Moscow Arts Theatre, the Stanislavsky system. Ends at 12.00.

Radio 4

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